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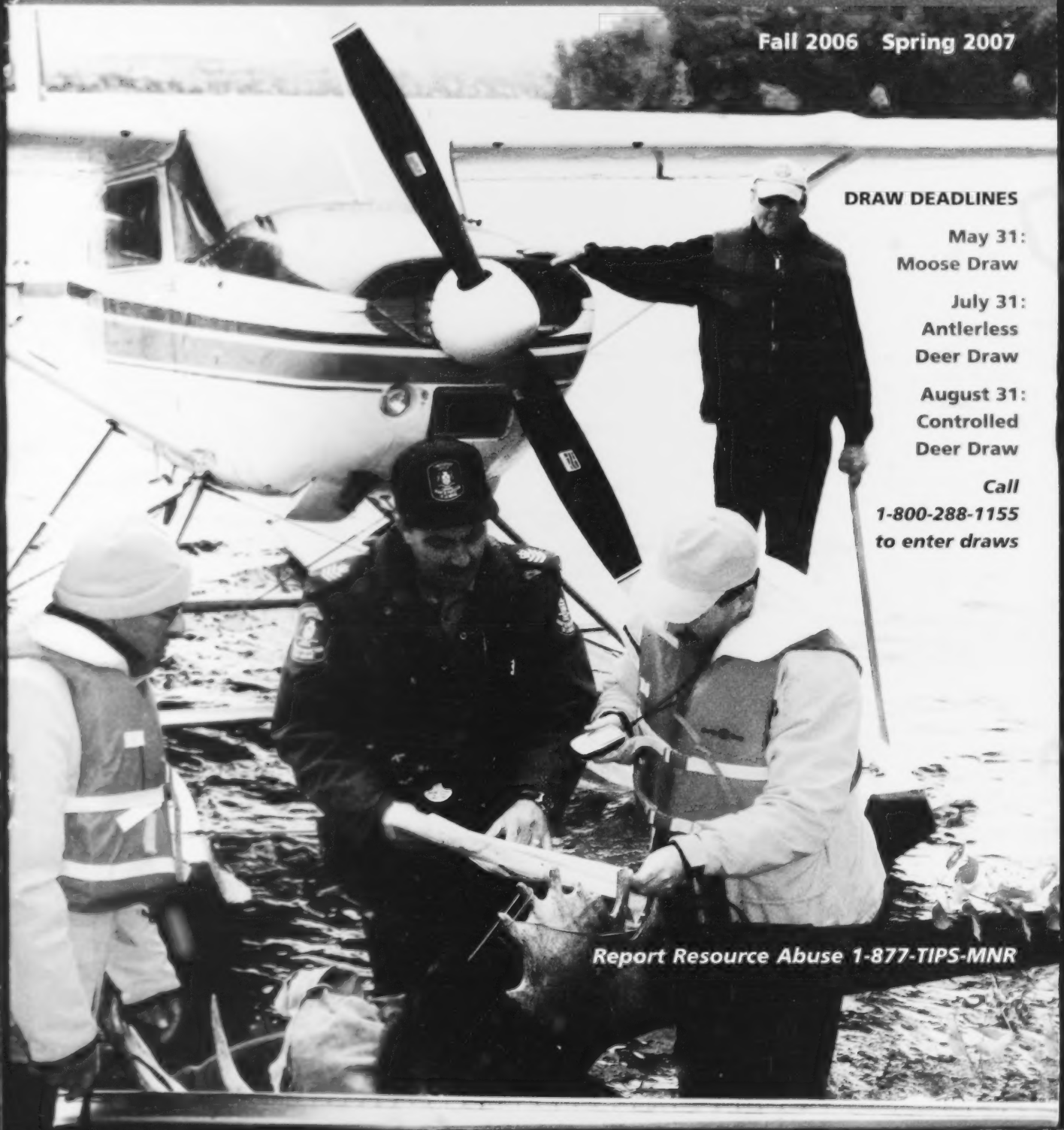

DRAW DEADLINES

May 31:
Moose Draw

July 31:
Antlerless Deer Draw

August 31:
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A Message from the Government of Ontario

Fall is the time of year when thousands of Ontario residents and visitors to the province take to the field in pursuit of moose, deer, waterfowl, grouse and other quarry. Ontario has been blessed with a great variety and abundance of game, and enjoys a long and time-honoured tradition of hunting.

The government continues to be able to increase hunting opportunities while ensuring sustainable wildlife populations. This includes expanded deer hunts in some parts of the province and new deer hunting seasons. In addition, the government has taken steps to allow more municipalities in southern Ontario to permit Sunday gun hunting. These measures may also help reduce agricultural damage caused by deer and reduce collisions involving vehicles and deer.

The hunter education program is being updated to modernize and streamline it for new hunters. The firearms training requirements are being harmonized with the Canadian Firearms Safety Course to avoid duplication. As well, starting in 2006 there will be two classes of Ontario Outdoors Cards: one for gun hunters, and one for non-gun hunters such as bow hunters and falconers. This will improve access to recreational hunting for non-gun hunters as they will not be required to get a federal firearms licence in order to hunt.

To protect Ontario's wildlife from Chronic Wasting Disease, a new regulation bans hunters and others from possessing high-risk parts of deer and elk from other jurisdictions. While there are no known cases in the province, vigilance is required. In addition, a surveillance and response plan has been developed between Ontario ministries and the federal government. Wild deer have been tested for the disease since 2002.

The ministry has launched a phone tips line to report illegal activities. The new toll-free TIPS-MNR reporting line provides a direct line for the public to report resource violations, such as out-of-season hunting, taking more game than allowed or other illegal activities, to the ministry 24 hours a day, seven days a week from anywhere in Ontario.

If you see resource abuse or suspect it is taking place, take note of as much information as possible and call 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667). By working together, we can help protect our natural resources from abuse and illegal activity.

A wolf conservation strategy has been put in place to protect the province's biodiversity. The strategy addresses objectives such as ensuring sustainable wolf populations, raising public awareness of the role of wolves in healthy ecosystems, and research and monitoring of this magnificent species. Also, hunters wishing to take wolves or coyotes are required to purchase a special seal in addition to a small game licence, with a limit of two seals per year.

The Fish and Wildlife Heritage Commission is working to increase public appreciation of our fish and wildlife resources, and to promote more participation in conservation and other programs.

Over the years, hunters have been active conservationists and strong supporters of wildlife management programs. Your willingness to share generously of your time and resources in a wide range of conservation efforts is most appreciated.

The province's wildlife management programs are key to ensuring the conservation of wildlife for future generations. You can do your part by supporting these important programs, understanding and following the hunting regulations, and hunting safely and responsibly.

Important Telephone Numbers and Dates for Ontario Hunters

General Inquiry Telephone Numbers

Outdoors Card Centre (lost or stolen cards and general card inquiries) 1-800-387-7011
Outdoors Card renewal (available all year) ..... 1-800-288-1155 or *www.outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca*
Ministry of Natural Resources general inquiry line 1-800-667-1940
In Peterborough ..... (705) 755-2000

Automated Telephone Licensing Line* – 1-800-288-1155

Wild turkey licensing telephone system ..... available March 1 to April 30
Moose licensing and draw application system ..... available April 24 to May 31
Antlerless deer licensing and draw application system ..... available March 1 to July 31
Controlled deer hunt draw application system ..... available August 1 to August 31
Additional deer game seals telephone system ..... available August 8 to August 31

* Please note these are automated systems and you must enter information using your telephone key pad. Please listen carefully, and follow the instructions when using this system.

Draw Results Telephone Line – 1-800-288-1155

Moose draw results ..... available August 1 to December 31
Antlerless deer draw results ..... available September 8 to December 31
Controlled deer hunt draw results ..... available October 15 to December 31

Other Important Telephone Numbers

TIPS-MNR (Natural Resources Violation Reporting Line) 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667)
Canadian Firearms Centre 1-800-731-4000
Canadian Wildlife Service (waterfowl seasons) 1-905-336-6410
Banded Birds Reporting 1-800-327-2263
Crime Stoppers (anonymous tips, report a poacher Canada-wide) 1-800-222-TIPS (8477)
Forest Fires in the 705 area code (north of the French/Mattawa rivers) ..... 1-888-863 FIRE (3473)
Forest Fires in the 807 area code (northwestern Ontario) 1-888-284-FIRE (3473)
Ontario Hats for Hides Corporation 1-888-873-3319

Important Dates for Ontario Hunters

Small game licences available ..... All year
Wolf / Coyote game seals available ..... All year
Wild turkey automated telephone licensing ..... available March 1 to April 30
Wild turkey paper licences become available ..... January
Moose automated telephone licensing and draw application ..... available April 25 to May 31
Moose licences and validation tag applications become available ..... March
Moose validation tag draw deadline ..... May 31
Moose validation tag draw results line opens ..... August 1
Moose surplus validation tag information from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (EDT) – 1-800-363-3730 ..... August 14
Black bear licences become available ..... March
Black bear second game seals become available ..... August
Antlerless deer automated telephone licensing and draw application ..... available March 1 to July 31
Resident's and farmer's deer licences become available ..... March
Antlerless deer validation tag draw deadline ..... July 31
Antlerless deer validation tag draw results line opens ..... September 8
Controlled deer hunt automated telephone draw application ..... available August 1 to August 31
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How to Use this Booklet

This booklet summarizes information dealing with hunting licences and hunting laws. This summary is neither a legal document nor a complete collection of the current regulations. It is meant to be a convenient reference only. For complete details, see:

a) the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997, C.41 and the Regulations made under this Act;

b) the Migratory Birds Convention Act – Canada and the Migratory Birds Regulations; and,

c) the Endangered Species Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.15 and the Regulations made under this Act.

d) the Species at Risk Act– Canada with regard to scheduled threatened, endangered and extirpated species and their critical habitat.

Each wildlife species or group of species has a section in this summary. Each section deals with basic regulations on hunting the species including open season tables (showing when and where you can hunt that species). The maps that show Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) boundaries appear on pages 6-11 of this booklet.

See the Definitions on page 94 for an explanation of terms found throughout this summary.

You can obtain specific details of the Regulations (including more accurate descriptions of Wildlife Management Unit boundaries) from local MNR offices.

PLEASE NOTE
2006 Important New and Pending Changes

As this 2006/2007 hunting summary goes to press several changes are being considered. For details on the items listed below check with the local MNR office responsible for the Wildlife Management Units involved. See page 96 for office locations and phone numbers.

COUNTER SERVICES

Beginning April 1, 2006, walk-in counter services provided by Ministry of Natural Resources district offices will be transferred to the province's 63 ServiceOntario/Government Information Centres.

After April 1, counter services previously available in the following MNR offices will be provided at the nearest ServiceOntario/Government Information Centre: Aurora, Bancroft, Blind River, Bracebridge, Chapleau, Chatham, Espanola, Guelph, Ignace, Kapuskasing, Kingston, Kirkland Lake, Manitouwadge, Minden, North Bay, Owen Sound, Parry Sound, Pembroke, Peterborough, Timmins, Tweed, Vineland and Wawa. It is proposed that additional offices will be added to this list during 2006.

Before travelling to an office for counter service, please check the list of offices (correct at the time of printing) on page 96 for the location nearest you. For updated information refer to the list of offices at *www.mnr.gov.on.ca/MNR/csb/message/mnroffices.html* or call the Natural Resources Information Centre at 1-800-667-1940.

WOLF AND COYOTE

MNR has enhanced the conservation of Ontario wolves through development of a provincial wolf strategy and key regulatory changes to wolf hunting and trapping. These regulatory changes (below) have been extended to coyotes within the core wolf range because the ranges of the two species overlap and coyotes are difficult to distinguish from wolves.

New

In core wolf range, WMUs 1-42, 46-50 and 53-58, the following regulations are in place:

- The hunting and trapping season is closed from April 1 to September 14
- Resident and non-resident hunters are required to carry a wolf/coyote game seal in addition to a small game licence
- Hunters can purchase a maximum of two wolf/coyote game seals per calendar year
- Party hunting is not permitted
- The hunter must immediately attach the game seal to a wolf/coyote that he or she has killed
- Hunters are required to complete the mandatory questionnaire received in the mail from MNR, and must return it to MNR by January 15 of the following year

These regulatory changes do not apply to wolf and coyote hunting and trapping in WMUs 43-45 and 59-95 outside of core wolf range.

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

New

Changes have been made to prohibit possession in Ontario of certain parts of deer species and elk harvested in other jurisdictions, to help minimize the risk of Chronic Wasting Disease in Ontario. See page 63 for details.

SUNDAY HUNTING

New

Changes have been made to allow gun hunting on Sundays in additional areas south of the French and Mattawa Rivers beginning September 1, 2006. See page 23 for details.

DEER

New

- Three days have been added to the resident season in WMU 28
- A new non-resident season has been established in WMU 28
- The portion of WMU 28 hunted has been expanded to include all of WMU 28 within the Kirkland Lake Administrative District
- The late resident/non-resident archery and muzzle-loader season commencing on the first Monday after November 28 has been extended from three to six days in WMUs 43A and 43B
- The controlled hunt in WMU 53B has been extended from four to five days
- A new resident/non-resident archery-only season has been established from October 15 to November 30 in WMU 53B
- A new six-day resident/non-resident muzzle-loader and archery season has been established commencing on the first Monday after November 28 in WMU 59
- An extra resident/non-resident archery-only season has been established to run from the end of the muzzle-loader and archery season to December 31 in WMU 59
- One week in mid-November of the previous resident/non-resident archery season has been converted to an archery/muzzle-loader/shotgun season in WMU 65
- Six days of the previous resident/non-resident archery season has been converted to six-day resident/non-resident muzzle-loader and archery season beginning the first Monday following November 28 in WMU 71
- The six-day controlled deer hunt beginning the first Monday following November 28 has been converted to a regular selective harvest resident/non-resident six-day muzzle-loader and archery season in WMUs 72A, 73, 74A, and 75.

Pending

MNR is reviewing possible implications of the feeding of wild deer and elk and the use of bait and attractants for deer hunting, related to preventing or limiting the potential spread of Chronic Wasting Disease, or other diseases, if present and is assessing possible actions (see page 63 for more details). Please check with your local ministry office or the ministry website at *http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/mnr/fwmenu.html* for any further information or changes prior to the 2006 hunting season.

Changes are being considered that would:

- To extend the current resident/non-resident rifle, shotgun, archery and muzzle-loader deer season in WMU 45 from five to seven days so as to include a weekend, commencing the Saturday preceding the second Monday in November.
- Convert seven days of the existing resident/non-resident archery season to a seven-day resident/non-resident muzzle-loader and archery season beginning the first Monday following November 28 in WMUs 61, 62, 68A and 68B
- Extend the current one week resident/non-resident gun season to a 14-day resident/non-resident gun season beginning the second Monday in November in WMU 66A
- Extend the current seven-day resident/non-resident archery/shotgun/muzzle-loader season to a 14-day resident/non-resident archery/shotgun/muzzle-loader season beginning the second Monday in November in WMU 69B
- Begin the existing resident archery season two weeks earlier on October 1 in WMUs 79C and 79D
- To extend the current early November resident/non-resident rifle, shotgun, muzzle-loader and archery deer season in WMUs 82A, 82B, 83A and 84, which commences the first Monday in November, by one day to include the following Saturday.
- Extend the current five-day resident/non-resident muzzle-loader season to a six-day resident/non-resident archery and muzzle-loader season beginning on the first Monday following November 28 in WMUs 82A, 82B, 83A, and 84.
- Extend the current five-day resident/non-resident muzzle-loader season to a six-day resident/non-resident archery and muzzle-loader season beginning on the third Monday in November in WMU 82B.

MOOSE

New

- Regulations have been changed to prohibit the hunting of predominantly white-coloured moose in Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) 30 and 31.

Pending

Changes are being considered that would:

- Change the opening date in the existing resident rifle/shotgun/archery/muzzle-loader season from the third Saturday in September to the Saturday closest to September 17 in WMUs 1A, 1C, 1D, 16A, 16B, 16C, 17, 25 and 26
- Change the opening date in the existing non-resident rifle/shotgun/archery/muzzle-loader season from the Monday next following the third Saturday in September to the Monday next following the Saturday closest to September 17 in WMUs 1A, 1C, 1D, 16A, 16B, 16C, 17, 25 and 26
- Open the current resident rifle/shotgun/archery/muzzle-loader season for persons with disabilities to a resident archery season for persons without disabilities in WMU 11B. Should this season not be approved prior to the draw, all applications indicating the "Special Bow Season Preference" will be included in the regular gun season draw.

BLACK BEAR

New

- Resident black bear hunters are required to complete a mandatory questionnaire on their hunting activity and harvest, and submit it to MNR by December 15 of the year of the hunt.

  The 2006 questionnaire is provided on page 77 of this publication. Copies of the questionnaire can also be obtained from ServiceOntario offices or printed from the MNR website at *http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/mnr/fwmenu.html*.

H1 AND H2 OUTDOORS CARD

New

MNR has changed the training requirements for new bowhunters and falconers wishing to apply for a hunting version Outdoors Card. Two types of hunting version Outdoors Cards will be available in Ontario.

- The Class H1 card permits the cardholder to hunt with all methods permitted under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act (FWCA). It will be available to new hunters upon proof of passing both the Ontario Hunter Education Course exam and the Canadian Firearms Safety Course exam.
- The Class H2 card permits the cardholder to hunt with all methods permitted under the FWCA except guns. It will be available to new hunters upon proof of passing the Ontario Hunter Education Course exam.

Similarly, two types of Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Cards will be available. See page 19 for details.

ENDANGERED SPECIES

New

Three plants (Bird's-foot Violet, Red Mulberry, and Spoonleaved Moss) have been added to the list of species protected under the Endangered Species Act. See page 26.

MAP 1 – Southwestern Ontario

WMU Boundaries

WMU boundaries are roads, lakes, rivers and other physical features wherever possible. For many roads and rivers, only the portions that form WMU boundaries are shown on the map.

For detailed information on WMU boundaries and Wildlife Management Areas, contact an MNR office, see page 96.

ALL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT UNITS SHOWN ON MAP 1 ARE IN THE "SOUTHERN DISTRICT FOR WATERFOWL"

Legend

- Township licence required to hunt pheasant and rabbit (see pages 80, 83).
- MNR District or Area Office.
- Provincial or National Park.
- 29 — Wildlife Management Area.
- County or District Boundary.
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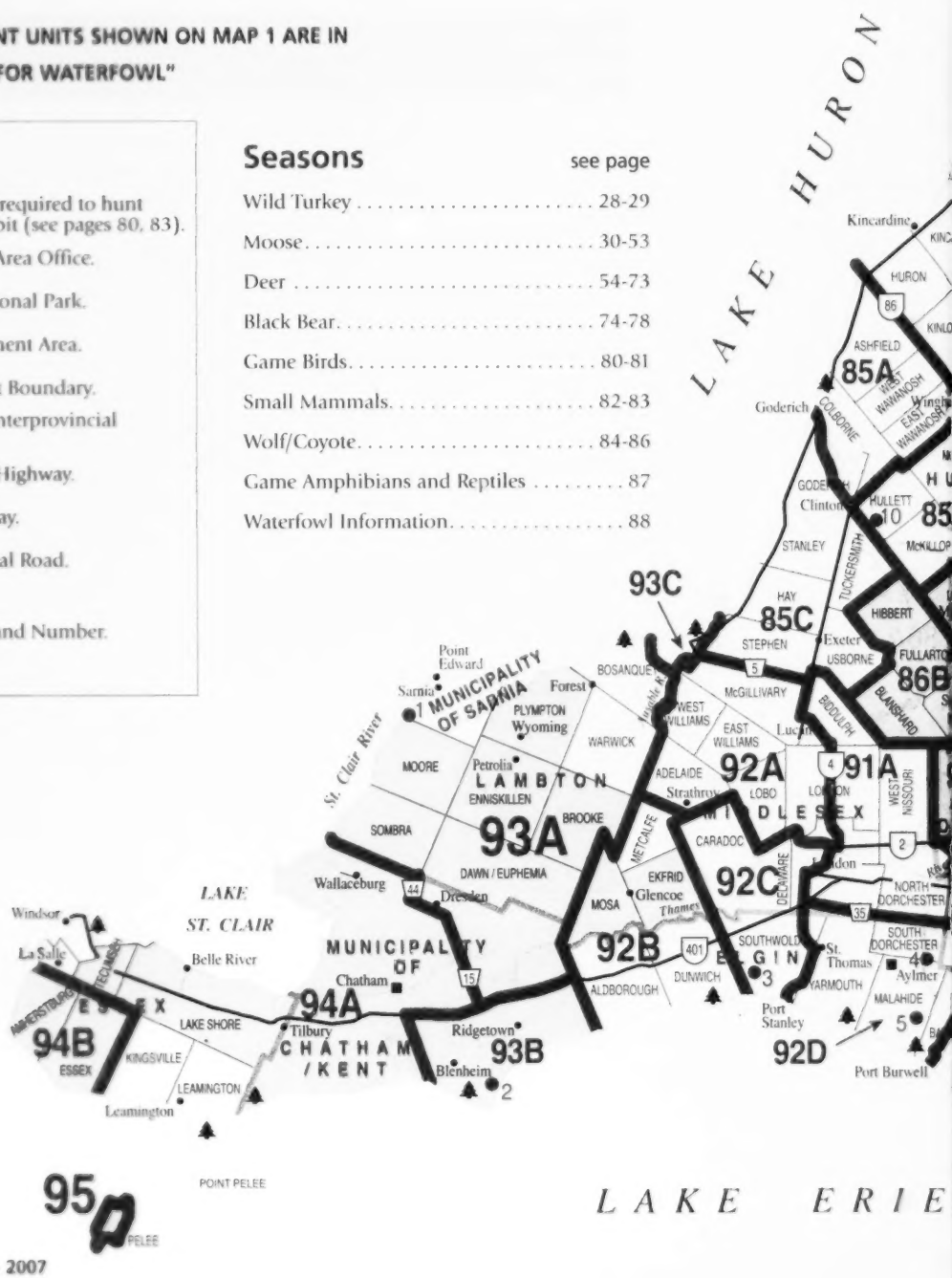

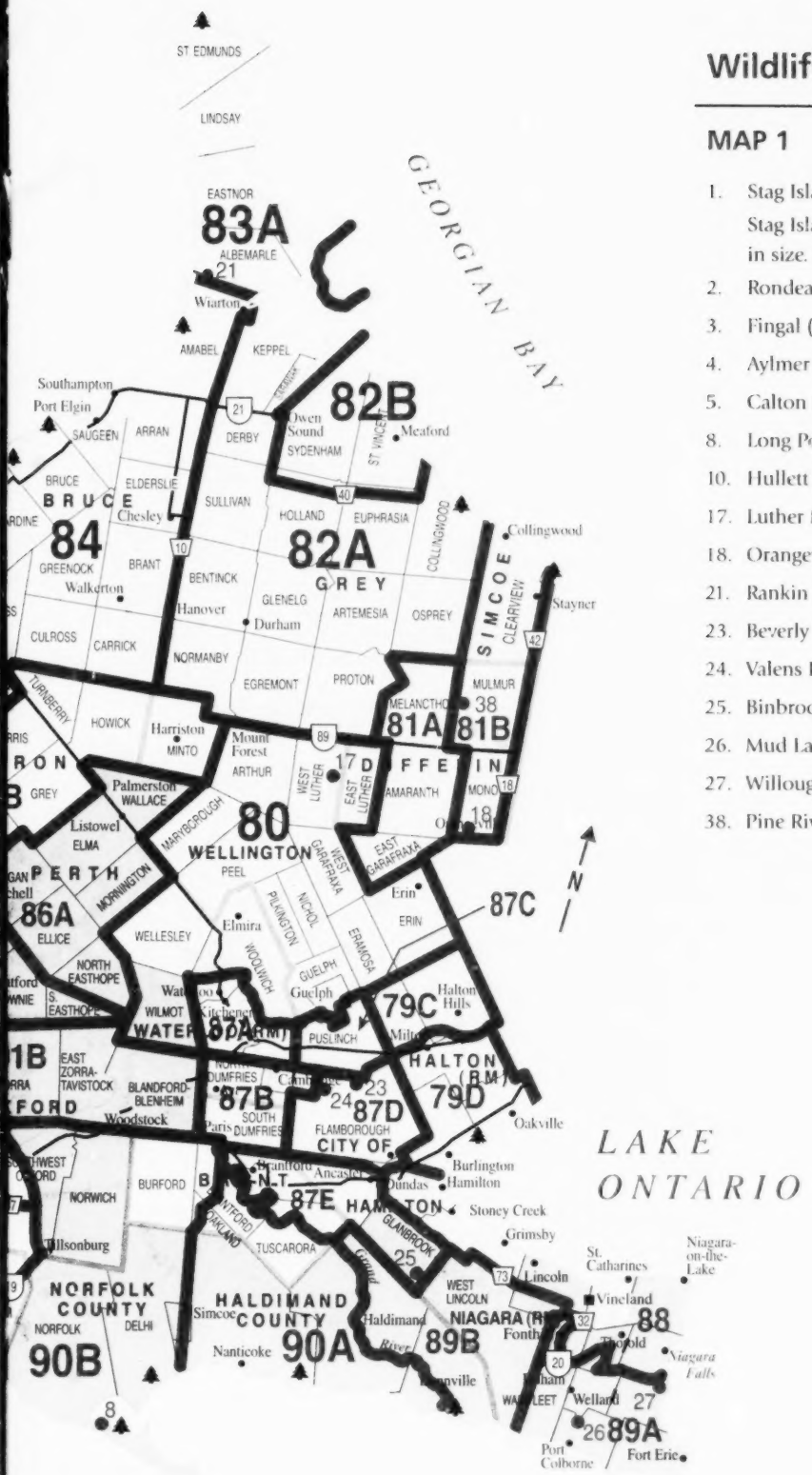

Wildlife Management Areas

MAP 1

1. Stag Island (WMU 93)
   Stag Island Management Area recently reduced in size. Contact the Aylmer office for details.
2. Rondeau (Provincial Park) (WMU 93)
3. Fingal (WMU 92)
4. Aylmer (WMU 92)
5. Calton Swamp (WMU 92)
8. Long Point (WMU 90)
10. Hullett (WMU 85)
17. Luther Marsh (WMU 80)
18. Orangeville (WMU 81)
21. Rankin (WMU 83)
23. Beverly Swamp (WMU 87)
24. Valens Lake (WMU 87)
25. Binbrook (WMU 87)
26. Mud Lake (WMU 89)
27. Willoughby Swamp (WMU 89)
38. Pine River Provincial Fishing Area (WMU 81)

MAP 2 – Southeastern Ontario

WMU Boundaries

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MAP 2

11. Tiny Marsh (WMU 76)
13. Matchedash Bay (WMU 76)
14. Copeland Forest Resources Management Area (WMU 76E)
15. Holland Marsh (WMU 77)
28. Nonquon (WMU 73)
29. Scugog Island (WMU 73)
30. Darlington (Provincial Park) (WMU 72)
31. Presqu'ile (Provincial Park) (WMU 71)
32. Brighton (WMU 71)
33. Mountain (WMU 65)
34. Lake St. Lawrence (WMU 65)
35. Gananoque (WMU 67)
36. Camden Lake (WMU 68)
37. Pt. Petre (WMU 70)
39. Wye Marsh Wildlife Management Unit (WMU 76)
40. Howard Ferguson Nursery (WMU 66B)

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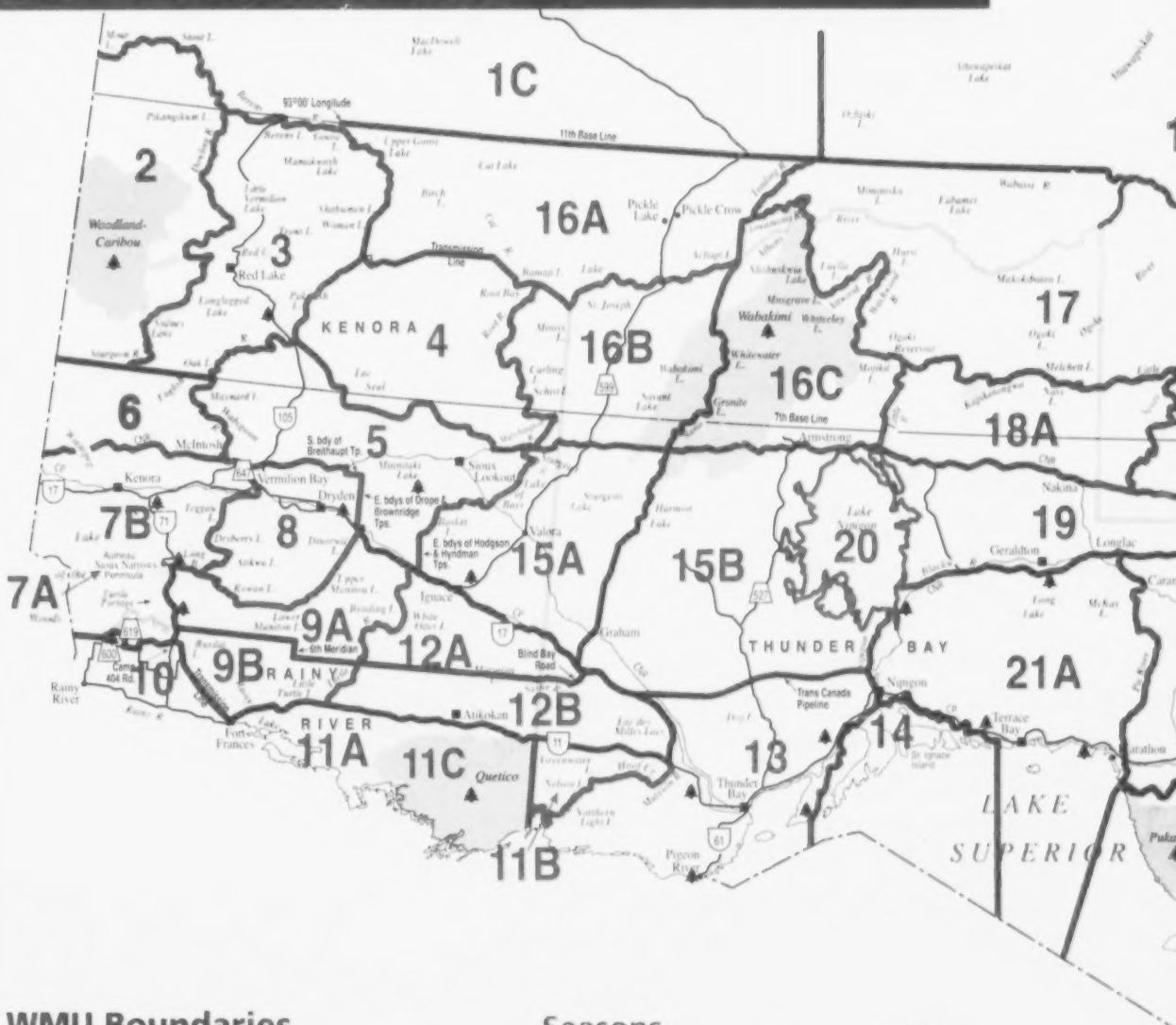
MAP 3 – Northern Ontario



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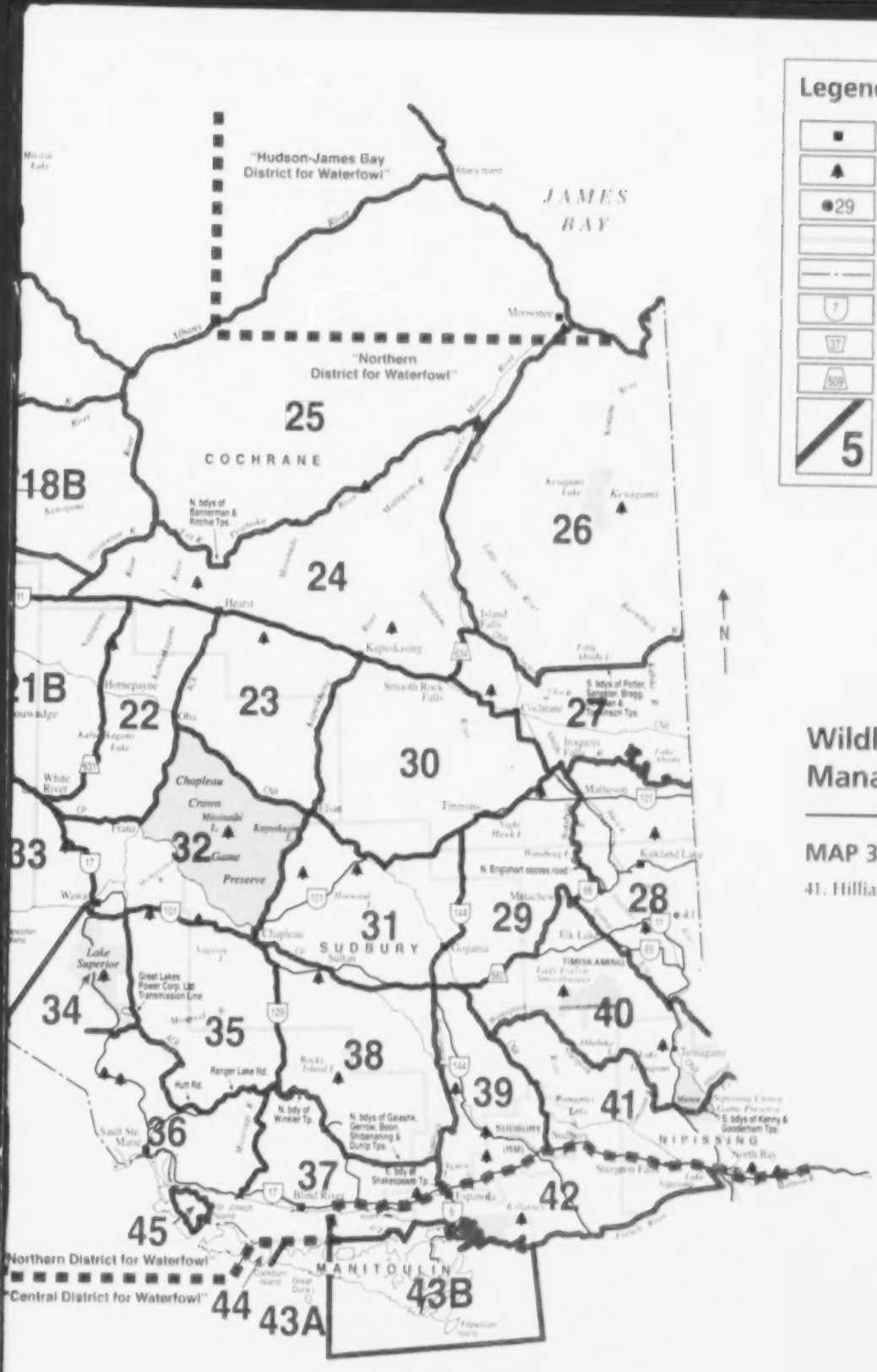

Wildlife Management Areas

MAP 3

41. Hilliardton Marsh (WMU 28)

2006 Licence Information

Ontario residents must have a hunting version Outdoors Card prior to purchasing a hunting licence or licence tag. **See page 14.**

If you are an Outdoors Card holder we now offer you instant hunting and fishing privileges. Visit the Ministry of Natural Resources' E-licensing website at *www.outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca* for information.

If you wish to hunt, you must have a licence valid for the species or group of species you are hunting, and **you must carry the licence, any validation tags and any game seals with you while hunting. The licence shows the period of time for which it is valid, commencing with the date and time of issuance. (Validation tags and game seals are considered to be part of the licence.) To be valid, the licence must be completed and signed. Licence validity or expiry dates do not indicate open season dates. You must show the licence to a Conservation Officer if asked to do so.** Check the tables in this *Summary* to see what, when and where you may hunt. (Animals listed in the tables may be hunted only during an open season.)

Residents and non-residents must be 16 years of age or older to be eligible for an Ontario licence to hunt. Residents may obtain a licence at 15 years of age, but they must first get consent in writing from both parents, one parent (if not living with both parents) or a legal guardian (also see **Hunter Apprenticeship**, on page 19).

All annual licences expire on December 31 in the year in which they were issued unless otherwise noted. No small game hunting licence is valid from the 16th day of June to the 31st day of August for the area lying north and west of a line from Georgian Bay to the Ottawa River, formed by the southerly boundary of the District Municipality of Muskoka and the southerly and easterly boundaries of the Territorial District of Nipissing.

For more details on validity of licences, contact an MNR office (see page 96).

TRANSFER OF LICENCES

It is illegal to transfer, buy, sell or give a licence, validation tag, game seal or any component of a licence to another person. It is also illegal to use or possess a licence, validation tag, game seal or any component of a licence that was issued to someone else. Under certain circumstances, however, moose validation tags can be transferred (see group tag transfers, page 39). It is also an offence to do anything which would enable your game seal to be used by another person.

Licence fees are in effect until December 31, 2006. GST is included in all fees.

1. Moose

a) Resident's licence tag to hunt moose $43.00
b) Non-resident's licence to hunt moose $360.00
c) Dog licence $10.25

2. Deer

a) Resident's licence tag to hunt deer $36.00
b) Farmer's licence tag to hunt deer $21.50
You must complete an "Application for a Farmer's Licence to Hunt Deer" form to get this licence. This licence tag is valid only in the county (or other jurisdictions as the case may be) in which you reside.
c) Resident's additional game seal to hunt deer (selected WMUs only) $36.00
d) Non-resident's licence to hunt deer (antlered deer only) $180.00
e) Non-resident's additional game seal to hunt deer (selected WMUs only) $180.00
f) Dog licence $10.25

3. Black Bear

a) Resident's licence tag to hunt black bear $36.00
b) Resident's second game seal to hunt black bear (selected WMUs only) $36.00
c) Non-resident's licence to hunt black bear $180.00
Non-residents must have a Black Bear Hunting Licence Validation Certificate as well as a black bear hunting licence. They must also complete the report that comes with the Certificate and return it to the issuer of the Certificate by the date indicated.
d) Dog licence $10.25

4. Small Game

a) Resident's licence tag to hunt small game $19.00
This licence tag is valid for a resident to hunt game birds (other than wild turkey), and game mammals (except bear, caribou, deer, elk and moose). Under this licence tag you may also hunt coyote*, wolf*, raccoon, red fox, arctic fox, gray fox, skunk, opossum and weasel. You also need it to hunt on game bird hunting preserves. A small game licence tag also permits you to hunt American crow, brown-headed cowbird, common grackle, house sparrow, red-winged blackbird or starlings and other animals not protected under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act (e.g. groundhogs).

* When accompanied by a wolf/coyote game seal in specific WMUs (see page 84).

b) Resident's raccoon licence to hunt raccoon at night $17.50
If you wish to hunt raccoon at night, you must carry your raccoon licence with your Outdoors Card and a small game licence tag. You must also be accompanied by a dog licensed for raccoon hunting. You can only use a .22 calibre rim-fire rifle chambered to .22 short, .22 long or .22 long rifle for hunting raccoon at night.

c) Non-resident's small game licence $90.00
This licence authorizes a non-resident to hunt fox, game birds (except wild turkey), rabbits and hares in most areas, raccoon (though not at night), wolf*, coyote* and black, gray and fox squirrels but not red squirrels. The non-resident's small game licence also authorizes the holder to hunt game birds on game bird hunting preserves. This licence does not authorize the holder to hunt American crow, brown-headed cowbird, common grackle, house sparrow, red-winged blackbirds or starlings. However, you can hunt wild turkey if you possess a wild turkey licence in addition to a non-resident small game licence.

A non-resident licence does not allow you to hunt rabbits in the county of Lambton, the Municipality of Chatham/Kent or the county of Essex, except in the Township of Pelee.

*When accompanied by a wolf/coyote game seal in specific WMUs (see page 84).

d) Resident dog (raccoon) licence $10.25

e) Non-resident's licence to hunt game birds on a game bird hunting preserve $15.00
Non-residents who want to hunt game birds including wild turkey on a game bird hunting preserve **only**, must have this licence.

5. Wild Turkey

Wild turkey licence $22.50
In order to hunt turkeys a resident must have a wild turkey licence, an Outdoors Card and a small game licence tag. Non-residents must have a wild turkey licence and a non-resident small game licence.

6. Falconry Licences

a) General/Apprentice Falconry licence $20.00

b) Commercial Falconry licence $200.00

7. Keeping Wildlife in Captivity

Please contact your local MNR office for further information.

8. Migratory Game Birds

(waterfowl, common snipe and woodcock)
To hunt migratory game birds, you must have a Federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit and a Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp, as well as an Ontario licence tag (resident) or licence (non-resident) to hunt small game. This includes hunting with falconry birds or non-indigenous falconry birds. You may buy a Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp at any main post office.

9. Non-Resident Export Permits

(see also Export and Shipping under appropriate species)

NOTE: Permit is required for any part of the animal, including carcass, hide or antlers.

Moose $35.00
Deer $35.00
Bear $35.00

Licence Requirements

Information for Residents of Ontario

A resident of Ontario is defined as a person whose primary residence is in Ontario, and who has lived in Ontario for a period of at least six consecutive months during the 12 months immediately before applying for a licence. Hunters who do not fit this definition must purchase a non-resident licence. See page 18 for non-resident licence information.

What is an Outdoors Card?

An Outdoors Card is a plastic, wallet-sized, identification card to which Ontario licence tag stickers are affixed. There are two versions of the card: the hunting version (which also allows for fishing privileges) and the fishing (only) version.

Hunting version Outdoors Cards are issued to Ontario residents only. The hunting version Outdoors Card and the Temporary Hunting Outdoors Card are the only cards that prove eligibility to purchase hunting licences and tags. The hunting version Outdoors Card also provides fishing privileges, once a fishing licence tag is obtained. You must carry your hunting version Outdoors Card with you whenever you hunt or fish.

An Outdoors Card is valid for three calendar years, expiring on December 31 of the third year. The expiry date for your Outdoors Card is shown on the front of your card immediately to the right of the card number. Hunting licence tags also expire on December 31, **but the year of expiry may be different for your Outdoors Card and your licence tags** depending on how you purchase your licence(s). The expiry date for one-year licence tags is printed on the lower edge of the tag. The expiry of one-year E-licences is shown in the "Valid Licences" box in the top right corner of the licence. Three-year small game hunting or fishing licence tags expire with the card. Your Outdoors Card, licence tag or E-licence and any applicable paper licence must be current for you to have a particular hunting or fishing privilege.

Who needs a hunting version Ontario Outdoors Card?

To hunt in Ontario, most Ontario residents need a hunting version Outdoors Card and all applicable licence tags and licences. There are two exceptions to this.

The first exception is the Ontario resident Hunter Apprentice hunting with a licensed Mentor. The Hunter Apprentice must carry an Ontario-issued Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Card. (The Mentor must have an Ontario hunting version Outdoors Card and all applicable licences, see page 19.)

The second exception is members of Aboriginal communities with Aboriginal or treaty hunting rights in Ontario. These hunters are not required to be in possession of an Outdoors Card provided they are hunting for food or ceremonial purposes within their traditional or treaty area.

All other Ontario residents, including Aboriginal persons hunting outside of areas within which they have Aboriginal or treaty hunting rights, must have a hunting version Ontario Outdoors Card and all applicable licences.

What are the two classes of hunting version Outdoors Cards available as of January 1, 2006?

As of January 1, 2006, Ontario recognizes two types of resident hunters (and two classes of hunting Outdoors Cards) based on the hunting method(s) for which the hunter is accredited. Hunters will be designated as either H1 or H2.

The Class H1 card permits the cardholder to hunt with all methods permitted under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act.

The Class H2 card permits the cardholder to hunt with all methods permitted under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act except guns.

Any person with:

- An Ontario hunting version Outdoors Card (current or expired) issued before January 1, 2006 **OR**
- A Hunter Education Exam Certificate/Report indicating a pass issued after January 1, 1968 and before January 1, 2006 **OR**
- An Ontario resident's hunting licence issued after January 1, 1968

will automatically be deemed to be an H1 hunter.

If a new applicant does not have one of the pieces of accreditation listed above, a hunting Outdoors Card is now issued based on the exam(s) the applicant has passed. To obtain an H1 hunting Outdoors Card, the applicant must provide proof (an original or certified copy) of passing BOTH the Ontario Hunter Education Course exam and the Canadian Firearms Safety Course exam. The applicant for an H2 hunting Outdoors Card must provide proof (an original or certified copy) of passing the Ontario Hunter Education Course exam.

NOTE: Two classes of Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Cards will also be recognized as of January 1, 2006. The A1 card permits the Apprentice to hunt with all methods permitted under the FWCA. The A2 card permits the Apprentice to hunt with all methods permitted under the FWCA and regulations except guns. If the A1 Apprentice is hunting with a gun, the Mentor must hold an H1 Outdoors Card. If the Apprentice is hunting with archery equipment or a falconry bird, the Mentor must hold an H1 or an H2 Outdoors Card.

For more information on the Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Program, contact an MNR office.

Is an Outdoors Card a hunting licence?

No, an Outdoors Card is not a hunting licence. A complete and valid licence to hunt consists of an Outdoors Card plus the required hunting licence tags plus any applicable paper hunting licences and game seals and/or validation tags.

One-year hunting licence tags are available from licence issuers located throughout Ontario. Call the MNR office that serves your area (see page 96) to find out the location of the issuer nearest you, and where you can purchase any required paper licences.

One-year small game licences are available at *www.outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca*.

How do I get a hunting version Outdoors Card if I have never had one before?

A resident of Ontario who has never had a hunting version Outdoors Card may apply in one of two ways. The method you use to apply depends on how soon you want to go hunting or enter a wildlife validation tag draw.

The following types of hunting accreditation will be accepted when applying for an H1 hunting Outdoors Card. You must provide the original or certified copy of one of the following:

- An Ontario Hunting Licence Examination Certificate/Report indicating a pass issued to you after January 1, 1968 and before January 1, 2006 **OR**
- An Ontario resident's hunting licence issued to you after January 1, 1968 **OR**
- An Ontario Hunting Licence Verification Certificate showing that you were issued a hunting licence as a resident or that you passed the Hunting Licence Examination before January 1, 2006 **OR**
- An Ontario Hunter Education Exam Report indicating a pass issued to you after January 1, 2006, plus proof of passing the Canadian Firearms Safety Course exam.

In order to apply for an H2 hunting Outdoors Card, the applicant must provide the original or a certified copy Ontario Hunter Education Exam Report issued after January 1, 2006.

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The two methods of applying for a hunting version Outdoors Card are:

1. **If you do not intend to go hunting right away** you can submit an Outdoors Card application with the original of your hunting accreditation (and, if required, proof of passing the Canadian Firearms Safety Course exam if applying for an H1 hunting Outdoors Card) and payment, to the Outdoors Card Centre through the mail. (You may want to make a photocopy for your records before sending original documentation.) You will receive the Outdoors Card, with any hunting or fishing licence tags you purchased affixed to the card, in approximately four to six weeks.

   An Outdoors Card application is available by calling 1-800-387-7011. The application form will be mailed to you.

2. **If you want to hunt, or enter a wildlife draw right away,** a Temporary Hunting Outdoors Card is available from ServiceOntario offices only. You must show the original of your hunting accreditation (and, if required, proof of passing the Canadian Firearms Safety Course exam if applying for an H1 Outdoors Card).

   A Temporary Hunting Outdoors Card is valid for hunting during the open season as soon as the required hunting licence tags are affixed to the back, and any required paper licences, game seals and/or validation tags are obtained. The Temporary Hunting Outdoors Card is valid until the end of the calendar year. The fee for this Temporary Hunting Outdoors Card includes the cost of a three-year Outdoors Card. You will automatically be mailed the plastic three-year card at the end of the calendar year.

My Outdoors Card has expired. How do I renew it?

The date on which your hunting version Outdoors Card expires is shown on the front of your card (immediately to the right of your card number). To avoid any lapse in your privileges, it is recommended that you renew your card as soon as you receive your renewal notification. This information is automatically mailed to you in the fall of the year in which your card expires.

You may renew your Outdoors Card in any of five ways. If you want to hunt right away or apply to a big game draw with a paper application and the draw deadline is imminent, you should renew by purchasing a Temporary Hunting Outdoors Card (see option number five following). If you wish to hunt small game right away, you may be eligible to renew your Outdoors Card and purchase an "instant" E-licence tag over the Internet. Please check the website for restrictions if you wish to add a small game E-licence to your renewal purchase (see option number two following).

The five ways to renew your Outdoors Card are:

1. By using the toll-free automated telephone system and your VISA, MasterCard or American Express credit card. Be sure to have your Outdoors Card number on hand when you call 1-800-288-1155. Please allow two to three weeks for your card to reach you.
2. By connecting to the Internet at *www.outdoorscard.mnr.gov. on.ca* and using your VISA or MasterCard credit card. You will need your Outdoors Card number and date of birth to complete this transaction. Please allow two to three weeks for your card to reach you, any you may print out any E-licences you have purchased. Your expired Outdoors Card, when carried with your E-licences, will allow you to enjoy the open season while you wait for your new plastic Outdoors Card to reach you. **NOTE:** Big game licences cannot be affixed to an E-licence. You must receive your plastic card before purchasing your licence tag from an issuer.
3. At more than 70 ServiceOntario Kiosk locations. ServiceOntario Kiosks accept VISA, MasterCard or American Express transactions as well as bank debit cards. You will need your Outdoors Card number when you renew. Please allow two to three weeks for your card to reach you.
4. By mail, using a paper application. Payment may be made by VISA, MasterCard, American Express, cheque or money order. If you need a paper application, call 1-800-387-7011.
5. By purchasing a Temporary Hunting Outdoors Card, in person, from a ServiceOntario office. The fee includes the cost of a three-year Outdoors Card. Hunters purchasing a Temporary Hunting Outdoors Card will be charged a $10.00 administrative fee. You will automatically be mailed the plastic three-year Outdoors Card at the end of the calendar year.

I have a current Outdoors Card, but my licence tag has expired. How do I get a licence tag for this year?

If you wish to purchase a small game licence you may do so 24 hours a day at *www.outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca*. Deer, moose, black bear and one-year small game hunting licence tags are available from licence issuers located throughout Ontario. Call the MNR office that serves your area to find out the location of the issuer nearest you, and where you can purchase any required paper licences.

A deer licence tag is also available when applying to the antlerless deer draw through the automated telephone application system from March to July. A moose licence tag is also available when applying to the moose draw through the automated telephone application system during April and May. The phone number for the automated telephone application system is 1-800-288-1155.

New Class of Outdoors Card for Bowhunters and Falconers

On January 1, 2006, the MNR changed the gun training requirement for new bowhunters and falconers wishing to apply for a hunting version Outdoors Card. There are now two classes of hunting Outdoors Cards available in Ontario.

An H2 hunting Outdoors Card permits the holder to hunt with archery equipment and falconry birds only. It will be available to new hunters upon proof of passing the Ontario Hunter Education Course exam.

The previously available hunting Outdoors Card, now known as an H1 card, permits the holder to hunt with gun, archery equipment and falconry birds. It will be available to new hunters upon proof of passing both the Ontario Hunter Education Course exam and the Canadian Firearms Safety Course exam.

Any person with an Ontario hunting licence or Hunter Education Exam Report indicating a pass issued after January 1,1968, and before January 1, 2006, or a hunting version Outdoors Card issued before January 1, 2006, is deemed to be an H1 hunter.

Similarly, two classes of Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Cards are now recognized. The A1 card permits the holder to hunt with all methods permitted under the FWCA. The A2 card permits the holder to hunt with all methods permitted under the FWCA and regulations except guns. **NOTE:** The Mentor must have an H1 card if the A1 Apprentice will be hunting with a gun.

The intent of this change is to reduce the time and costs to the new hunter wishing to use archery equipment or falconry birds by changing the gun training component for these hunters.

Ontario is home to an amazing diversity of plants and animals, but more than 170 of these are species at risk. Species designated as Extirpated, Endangered, Threatened, or Special Concern are listed on the **Species at Risk in Ontario List.**

Hunters may be interested to know that many of these species are also listed as Specially Protected Wildlife – mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates – under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act. Refer to the **Definitions** section, page 94.

You can help protect these species by reporting any illegal activity to your nearest MNR office.

To view the Species at Risk in Ontario List, visit *www.mnr.gov.on.ca* and follow the species at risk links.

species at risk –
act today so they have tomorrow

How can I get more information on the Outdoors Card?

The staff at the Outdoors Card Centre would be pleased to answer your questions. You can reach the Outdoors Card Centre without charge from anywhere in North America by calling:

1-800-387-7011

The hours of operation of the Outdoors Card Centre are Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (EDT).

What should I do if my Outdoors Card is lost, stolen or destroyed?

If your Outdoors Card or any part of your licence is lost, stolen or destroyed, call the Outdoors Card Centre to arrange for a replacement. You will receive a replacement for the card and any three-year licence tags previously purchased. There may be a fee for replacement. To get an annual licence tag or paper licence replaced, you must complete an application form for a search (for a fee of $10.00) at a ServiceOntario office. If you lose a game seal, contact a ServiceOntario office. A list of offices is provided on page 96.

What else should I know about my Outdoors Card?

Here are other important things to keep in mind:

- You must notify the Ministry of Natural Resources of any address change within 10 days of the change. You can do this by using the Internet site at *www.outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca* or by calling the Outdoors Card Centre toll-free at **1-800-387-7011**. Failure to change your address within 10 days can result in a substantial fine under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act.
- You must carry your Outdoors Card, with all applicable licence tags attached (and all applicable paper licences), on your person whenever you are fishing or hunting. If a Conservation Officer asks to see your Outdoors Card, the law states you must show it.
- Your Outdoors Card is not transferable to another person – it provides privileges to you alone.
- It is an offence to provide false information on an Outdoors Card application, licence tag, game seal or validation tag or to accept a licence with no date or one dated before or after the date you applied for it.
- It is illegal for a hunter to hold more than one licence tag to hunt deer, moose or black bear.
- Licences cannot be exchanged as part payment toward another type of licence.

Some Outdoors Card and Hunting Licence Options for Residents of Ontario

A list of Ontario hunting licences is available on page 13. The one-year licence fees stated in this Summary are in effect until December 31, 2006. Three-year fees are subject to change after August 31, 2006. For the location of the licence issuer nearest you, contact the Ministry of Natural Resources. A list of Ministry of Natural Resources offices is provided on page 96.
NOTE: It is illegal for a hunter to hold more than one licence tag to hunt deer, moose or black bear.

Licence Type	Available From	Fee
Hunting/Fishing Outdoors Card plus three-year small game licence tag and three-year sport fishing licence tag.	Available by mail (new application or renewal), by telephone (renewal only) at 1-800-288-1155, over the Internet (renewal only) at *www.outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca*, or from a ServiceOntario Kiosk (renewal only). **NOTE:** This licence type is available as an "instant" E-licence when the Outdoors Card is renewed over the Internet.	$132.00
Hunting/Fishing Outdoors Card plus three-year small game licence tag and three-year conservation fishing licence tag.	Available by mail (new application or renewal), by telephone (renewal only) at 1-800-288-1155, over the Internet (renewal only) at *www.outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca*, or from a ServiceOntario Kiosk (renewal only). **NOTE:** This licence type is available as an "instant" E-licence when the Outdoors Card is renewed over the Internet.	$103.50
Hunting/Fishing Outdoors Card plus three-year small game licence tag.	Available by mail (new application or renewal), by telephone (renewal only) at 1-800-288-1155, over the Internet (renewal only) at *www.outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca*, or from a ServiceOntario Kiosk (renewal only). **NOTE:** This licence type is available as an "instant" E-licence when the Outdoors Card is renewed over the Internet.	$63.00
Hunting/Fishing Outdoors Card only (no fishing or hunting licence tag), valid for three years. **NOTE:** this Outdoors Card becomes a licence only when the appropriate licence tag is affixed or when accompanied by an E-licence. For some types of hunting, a paper licence, game seal and/or validation tag will also be required.	Available by mail (new application or renewal), by telephone (renewal only) at 1-800-288-1155, over the Internet (renewal only) at *www.outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca*, or from a ServiceOntario Kiosk (renewal only).	$6.00
Ontario resident's moose licence tag, game seal and draw application. Expires December 31 in year of purchase.	Available by telephone (1-800-288-1155) for hunters who wish to apply for a moose validation tag on the automated telephone licensing line (with a credit card). See page 38 for more information. Also available from numerous licence issuers throughout Ontario. For the location of the issuer nearest you, contact the MNR office that serves your area.	$43.00
Ontario resident's deer licence tag, game seal and draw application. Expires December 31 in year of purchase.	Available by telephone (1-800-288-1155) for hunters who wish to apply for an antlerless deer validation tag on the automated telephone licensing line (with a credit card). See pg. 59 for more information. Also available from numerous licence issuers throughout Ontario. For the location of the issuer nearest you, contact the MNR office that serves your area.	$36.00
Ontario farmer's deer licence tag, game seal and draw application. Expires December 31 in year of purchase.	Contact the ServiceOntario office that serves your area.	$21.50
Additional game seals for deer (offered in selected Wildlife Management Units only)	Available for many of the selected WMUs by telephone at 1-800-288-1155 from August 8 to August 31, 2006. See page 63 for more information.	$36.00
Ontario resident's black bear licence tag and game seal. Expires December 31 in year of purchase.	Available from numerous licence issuers throughout Ontario. For the location of the issuer nearest you, contact the MNR office that serves your area.	$36.00
Second game seal for black bear (offered in selected Wildlife Management Units only)	Available at ServiceOntario offices.	$36.00
Ontario resident's one-year small game licence tag. Expires December 31 of the year for which it is valid.	Available from numerous licence issuers throughout Ontario. For the location of the issuer nearest you, contact the MNR office that serves your area. **NOTE:** This licence is available as an "instant" E-licence at *www.outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca*.	$19.00
Ontario resident's licence (paper licence) and game seal to hunt wild turkey. Expires December 31 in year of purchase. Not valid without a small game licence.	Available by automated telephone licensing line (1-800-288-1155) with a credit card March 1 to April 30. Also available from selected ServiceOntario offices and selected licence issuers in participating MNR districts. See page 29 for more information.	$22.50 per licence, (max. two licences per hunter.)
Temporary Hunting/Fishing Outdoors Card.	Available at ServiceOntario offices.	$6.00 plus $10.00 administrative fee

Information for Non-Residents of Ontario

I live outside Ontario. How do I get a non-resident licence to hunt in Ontario?

Non-residents of Ontario must present one of the following to obtain a non-resident licence to hunt in Ontario:

- An Ontario non-resident's hunting licence issued to you after January 1, 1968
- A hunting licence issued to you by a competent authority in any jurisdiction as a resident of that jurisdiction after January 1, 1968
- An Ontario Hunter Education Examination Report or Certificate issued to you after January 1, 1968
- An Ontario Hunting Licence Verification Certificate showing that you were issued an Ontario licence to hunt, or passed the Hunting Licence Examination
- A certificate, issued to you after January 1, 1968, by a competent authority in any jurisdiction, giving you permission to purchase a resident's hunting licence in that jurisdiction.

NOTE: A non-resident who wishes to hunt in Ontario must be 16 years of age or older.

Where can I purchase a non-resident's hunting licence?

Non-resident hunters who wish to go hunting immediately may purchase a hunting licence at many locations throughout the province. For the non-resident licence issuer nearest to your intended hunting location, call the MNR office serving that area. A list of MNR offices is provided on page 96.

What should I know about taking my hunting rifle or shotgun into Canada?

Effective January 1, 2001, federal firearms regulations require that hunters who wish to bring non-restricted firearms into Canada declare their firearms at their point of entry. A fee is required to complete this procedure; this confirmed declaration is valid for up to 60 days. Firearms Declaration Forms are available from Customs offices, through the toll-free Canadian Firearms Centre information line at **1-800-731-4000**, through the Canadian Firearms Centre website at *www.cfc-ccaf.gc.ca* (click on "Fact Sheets") and often through hunting outfitters.

NOTE: Non-residents may face special requirements around the import or purchase of ammunition. Consult with your outfitter or call the Canadian Firearms Centre at **1-800-731-4000**.

Lost, Stolen, or Destroyed Licences, Validation Tags or Game Seals

If you lose your non-resident licence, you must complete an application for a search at a ServiceOntario office. The fee is $10.00 for each lost licence. The search can only be done if the paper licence was purchased in the current year or the previous three years. You need to give the name and address of the licence issuer and the date of purchase (month and year). If possible, ask your licence issuer for the original licence number.

Some Hunting Licence Options for Non-Residents

The licence fees stated in this summary are in effect until December 31, 2006. A list of Ontario hunting licences is available on page 13. NOTE: It is illegal for a hunter to hold more than one licence to hunt deer, moose or black bear.

Licence Type	Available From	Fee
Non-resident's small game licence	Available from numerous licence issuers throughout Ontario.	$90.00
Non-resident's moose licence	Available from numerous licence issuers throughout Ontario. **NOTE:** see page 44 for information for non-residents wishing to hunt moose.	$360.00
Non-resident's deer licence (antlered deer only).	Available from numerous licence issuers throughout Ontario.	$180.00
Additional game seals for deer (available to non-residents in selected Wildlife Management Units only)	Available from August 8 to August 31 by calling 1-800-387-7011. **NOTE:** see page 63 for more information.	$180.00
Non-resident's black bear licence	Available from numerous licence issuers throughout Ontario. **NOTE:** see page 78 for information for non-residents wishing to hunt bear.	$180.00
Wild turkey licence. (Not valid without a small game licence)	Available from selected ServiceOntario offices, and selected licence issuers in participating MNR districts.	$22.50 per licence (max. of two licences per hunter)

Hunter Safety Education Program

Ontario's Hunter Education Program is administered by the Ministry of Natural Resources in partnership with the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH). The Ontario Hunter Education Course and exam are delivered by approximately 300 certified instructors across the province. To find a hunter education instructor in your area please contact a ServiceOntario office, or the OFAH at (705) 748-5785 or *http://www.ohep.net*. To purchase *Ontario's Hunter Education Manual*, contact the OFAH.

Two classes of Ontario Outdoors Cards and Hunter Apprenticeship Cards are available to residents after January 1, 2006 – one for gun hunters and one for non-gun hunters. This will improve access to recreational hunting for bow hunters, falconers and other non-gun hunters because they will not have to take extensive gun-related training.

Class H1 Outdoors Card

The H1 card permits the cardholder to hunt with all methods permitted under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act (FWCA). Applicants for this version of Outdoors Card will have to provide documentation that they have passed both the Ontario Hunter Education Course exam and the Canadian Firearms Safety Course exam. These courses are normally delivered in a "One-Stop" combined course, however both courses are available independently if desired. "One-Stop" graduates will meet provincial training requirements to hunt and the federal training requirements for firearms for possession, acquisition and ownership.

Any person with an Ontario Outdoors Card, Ontario hunting licence or Hunter Education Exam Report indicating a pass issued after January 1, 1968, and before January 1, 2006, will be eligible for the H1 Outdoors Card.

Class H2 Outdoors Card

The H2 card permits the cardholder to hunt with all methods permitted under the FWCA except guns. Applicants for this version of the Outdoors Card will have to provide documentation that they have passed the Ontario Hunter Education Course exam.

Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Cards

Similarly, two types of Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Cards will be available after January 1, 2006. The A1 card permits the holder to hunt with all methods permitted under the FWCA. The A2 card permits the holder to hunt with all methods permitted under the FWCA and regulations except guns.

Contacts

For information on the Ontario Hunter Education Course contact the OFAH at (705) 748-5785 or *http://www.ohep.net*.

For information on the federal Firearms Act contact the Canadian Firearms Centre at 1-800-731-4000 or *http://www.cfc.gc.ca*

HUNTER APPRENTICESHIP SAFETY PROGRAM

Ontario's Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Program (HASP) allows individuals to safely develop their hunting skills while under the direct and immediate supervision of a qualified Mentor. The program provides practical training for future hunters. Two classes of Ontario Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Cards are available – one for gun hunters and one for non-gun hunters.

Class A1 Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Card

The A1 Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Card permits the cardholder to hunt with all methods permitted under the FWCA. Applicants for this version of the Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Card must be 12 years of age or older and will have to provide documentation that they have passed both the Ontario Hunter Education Course exam and the Canadian Firearms Safety Course exam. These courses are available in a "One-Stop" combined course; however, both courses are available independently if desired. Graduates will meet provincial training requirements to hunt and the federal training requirements for firearms possession, acquisition and ownership (**NOTE:** to own, acquire, and register a gun you must be 18 years of age or older).

Class A2 Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Card

The A2 Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Card permits the cardholder to hunt with all methods permitted under the FWCA and regulations except guns. Applicants for this version of the Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Card must be 12 years of age or older and provide documentation that they have passed the Ontario Hunter Education Course exam.

Other Requirements:

- Written permission of parent or legal guardian is required if the applicant is 12 to 15 years of age.
- The applicant must be a resident of Ontario.
- The Apprentice, while hunting, must be under the direct and immediate supervision of a Mentor who is 18 years of age or older, and who holds a valid Outdoors Card of the equivalent class and hunting licence for the game species being hunted.
- The Apprentice must share a single firearm with the Mentor.
- An Apprentice must possess a federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit to hunt migratory game birds.
- With the exception of migratory game birds, game wildlife taken by the Apprentice must be added to the daily bag limit of the Mentor.
- If wild turkey is being hunted the Apprentice must take the Ontario Wild Turkey Education Course and pass the exam.
- A Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Card is valid for a period of three years.
- The Apprentice must carry the Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Card with them while hunting.

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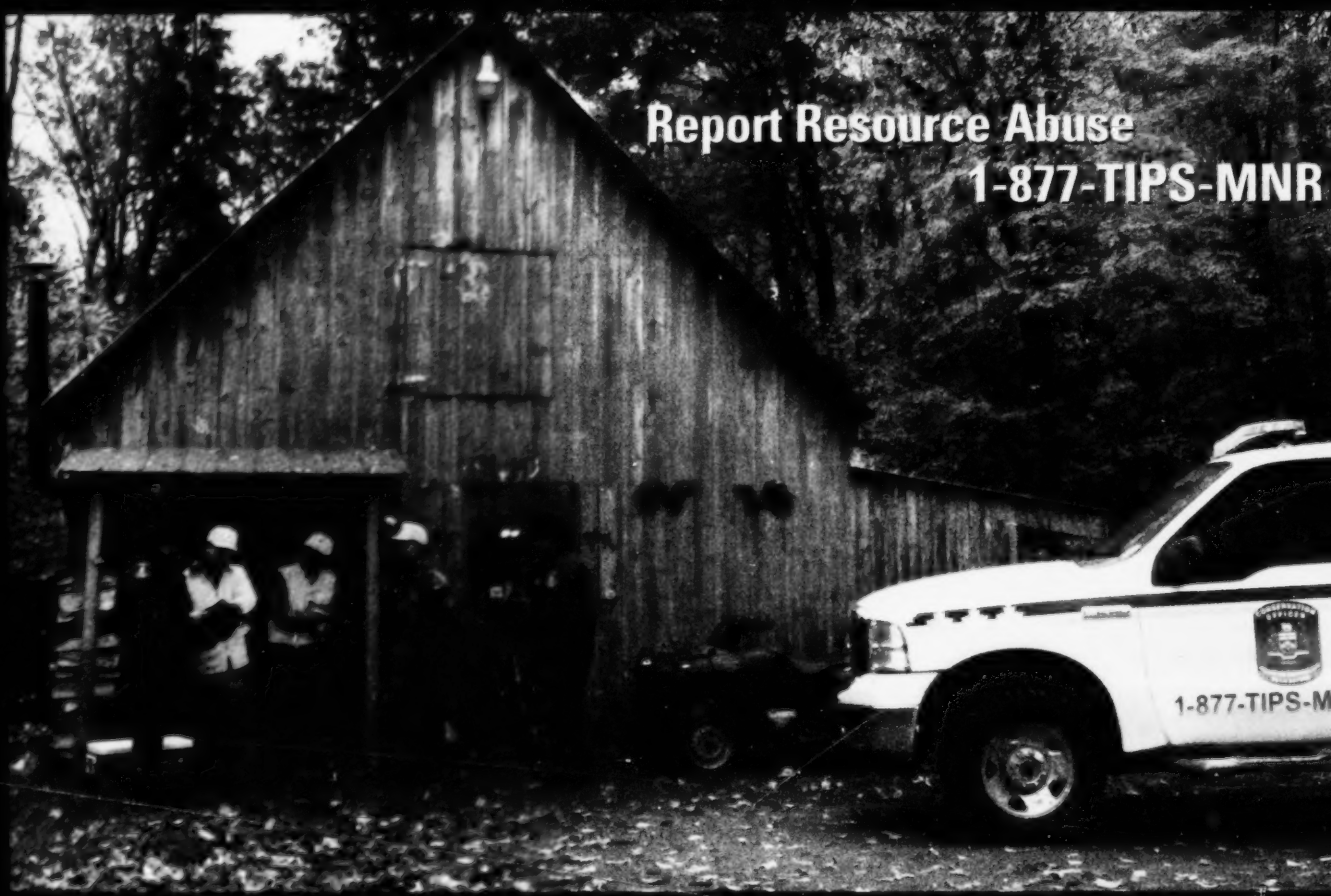

Hunters show support for the new TIPS MNR violation reporting line. Thousands of calls have been made to the line since it opened on September 24, 2005 to report suspected or known resource abuse.

Have you ever witnessed someone fishing out of season, night hunting for deer or moose, illegally dumping waste or littering on public lands, but didn't know what to do about it? The Natural Resources TIPS Reporting Line is now available for you to report resource abuse when you see it.

The new Natural Resources TIPS Reporting Line offers all Ontarians and Ontario resource users – 24 hours a day, seven days a week – the opportunity to help protect our natural heritage. If you see or suspect an act of resource abuse, call the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources toll-free TIPS Line at 1-877-TIPS-MNR. Your information will be used to help conservation officers investigate violations.

Ontario's natural resources are precious. The next time you see someone taking over-limits of fish, small game or waterfowl, illegally removing firewood or trees from public land, or witness any other abuse of our natural resources, please call 1-877-TIPS-MNR.

1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667)

Firearms

Firearms include air or pellet guns, bows and crossbows. You may use semi-automatic or repeating firearms for hunting in Ontario, but not handguns or fully automatic firearms. Air and pellet pistols with a muzzle velocity less than 500 feet per second may be used for hunting in Ontario. For storage and transportation information, **contact your local police department**.

A firearm is considered to be loaded if it has a cartridge in the chamber or in a magazine that is attached to the firearm.

You must plug a **semi-automatic or repeating shotgun** so that it will not hold more than a total of three shells in the chamber and magazine combined. Under the Criminal Code of Canada you cannot possess any clip/magazine that holds more than five shots for a semi-automatic centre fire rifle unless that clip/magazine has been specifically exempted pursuant to the Firearms Regulations.

A **muzzle-loader** is a gun that is loaded through the muzzle. A percussion muzzle-loading gun is considered to be loaded if there is a charge of powder and a projectile in the barrel and a percussion cap on the nipple. A flintlock muzzle-loading gun is considered to be loaded if there is a charge of powder and a projectile in the barrel and the vent is unplugged.

A **crossbow** is considered to be loaded if the bow is cocked and there is a bolt in the crossbow. A bow other than a crossbow is considered to be loaded if the bow is strung and an arrow is cocked.

The draw length of a **bow** (compound, recurve, long) is the measured distance from the outer edge of the main riser (handle), following the line of an arrow to the string at the anchor point.

The draw length of a **crossbow** is measured along the bolt ramp (where the bolt rests) from the outer edge of the main limb, to the anchor point (release latch mechanism) at full draw.

The length of an arrow is measured from the base of the arrowhead to the bottom of the nock slot.

You must not discharge firearms from or across any right of way for public vehicular traffic in any part of Ontario designated in the Regulations or from or across the travelled portion in any other area. This does not apply to an unmaintained right-of-way unless the regulations provide otherwise. Generally, you are not allowed to have a loaded firearm between the fences, or if no fences, within eight metres from the edge of the travelled portion of a right of way for public vehicular traffic in parts of Ontario as listed in the Regulations. These regulations apply year round in most of Ontario south of the French-Mattawa river system (however, in some areas of southern Ontario, they only apply during the gun season for deer). Contact an MNR office for specific information.

On the Aulneau Peninsula (WMU 7A), from September 1 to December 15 and from April 15 to June 15, you must not use a shotgun loaded with ball or with shot larger than number 2 lead shot, steel shot that is not larger than triple BBB shot, bismuth shot that is not larger than double BB shot or a rifle of greater calibre or projectile power than a rifle known as the .22 calibre rim-fire rifle. The calibre limitations do not apply to flintlock or percussion cap muzzle-loading rifles.

Check local sunrise-sunset times. **You may only hunt from a half hour before sunrise to a half hour after sunset, except as otherwise provided.** If you are in an area usually inhabited by wildlife, **during the period from a half hour after sunset to a half hour before sunrise, you must unload and encase firearms (including air gun, pellet gun, bow or crossbow) in your possession**. Firearms must be securely encased in a manner whereby they are not readily accessible.

Some townships/municipalities have by-laws restricting the discharge of firearms. Check with the local municipal office for details.

Remember: Hunting carelessly is an offence. Hunters who discharge firearms without due care and attention or consideration for persons and property, are liable to a fine of up to $25,000 or imprisonment – or both. Depending on the circumstances, a person may also be subject to charges under the Criminal Code.

ANY hunting injury caused by the discharge of a firearm and which results in treatment by a physician MUST BE reported to a Conservation Officer.

Contact the Canadian Firearms Centre at 1-800-731-4000 (or *http://www.cfc-ccaf.gc.ca/*) for information about the requirements for firearm ownership, and firearm licensing.

Hunter Orange

The objective of the hunter orange regulation is to maximize hunter safety without negatively impacting hunting success. Under this regulation, **all licensed hunters, including archery hunters** hunting during the gun season for deer and moose, are required to wear hunter orange. As well, all black bear hunters hunting during the black bear season are required to wear hunter orange except when in a tree stand. (This exception is in place because, unlike deer and moose, black bears have colour vision.) Waterfowl hunters, wild turkey hunters and archery hunters in archery-only areas are exempt from the hunter orange requirement.

A hunter orange garment and head cover must be worn. The hunter orange garment must cover a minimum of 400 square inches (2,580 square cm) above the waist and be visible from all sides. Open mesh or camouflage hunter orange must not be part of the 400 square inches. A hunting coat or vest generally meets this requirement. The hunter orange head cover may have: open mesh; a peak or brim colour other than hunter orange; a crest or logo which does not completely cover the hunter orange on the side where it is affixed. The head cover may not contain camouflage material.

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Summary of Firearms Restrictions for Hunting in Ontario

Game Species & Season	Center-Fire Rifle	Rim-Fire Rifle	Shotgun	Muzzle-loader	Archery (See page 21 for measurement instructions)	
					Bow (compound, recurve, long)	Crossbow
Moose – Rifles, Shotguns, Archery and Muzzle-loaders	Yes	No	Yes, but no person shall use a shotgun smaller than 20 gauge when loaded with shot or any shotgun loaded with shot smaller than SG or No. 1 buck.	Yes	Bows must, at a draw length of 700 mm (27.6 in.) or less, have a draw weight of at least 22 kilograms (48.5 lb.). Arrows must be at least 600 mm (23.6 in.) long and have at a minimum a 22 mm (0.87 in.) wide arrow head with at least two cutting edges that are sharp unserrated, barbless, straight and made of steel.	Crossbows must have a draw length of at least 300 mm (11.8 in.) and draw weight of at least 54 kilograms (119 lb.). At a minimum bolts must have a 22 mm (0.87 in.) wide bolt head with at least two cutting edges that are sharp, unserrated, barbless, straight and made of steel.
Moose – Archery and Muzzle-loaders Only	No	No	No	Yes		
Moose – Archery Only	No	No	No	No		
Black Bear	Yes	No	Yes, but no person shall use a shotgun smaller than 20 gauge when loaded with shot or any shotgun loaded with shot smaller than SG or No. 1 buck.	Yes		
Deer – Rifles, Shotguns, Archery and Muzzle-loaders	Yes	No		Yes	Bows must, at a draw length of 700 mm (27.6 in.) or less, have a draw weight of at least 18 kilograms (39.7 lb.). Arrows must be at least 600 mm (23.6 in.) long and have at a minimum a 22 mm (0.87 in.) wide arrow head with at least two cutting edges that are sharp, unserrated, barbless, straight and made of steel.	Crossbows must have a draw length of at least 300 mm (11.8 in.) and draw weight of at least 45 kilograms (99.2 lb.). At a minimum bolts must have a 22 mm (0.87 in.) wide bolt head with at least two cutting edges that are sharp, unserrated, barbless, straight and made of steel.
Deer – Shotguns, Archery and Muzzle-loaders Only	No	No		Yes		
Deer – Archery and Muzzle-loaders Only	No	No	No	Yes		
Deer – Archery Only	No	No	No	No		
Wild Turkey	No	No	Not larger than 10 gauge or smaller than 20 gauge. Shot size must be 4, 5, or 6.	Muzzle-loading shotgun not larger than 10 gauge or smaller than 20 gauge. Shot size must be 4, 5, or 6.		
Deer – Rifles, Shotguns, and Muzzle-loaders Only	Yes	No	Yes, but no person shall use a shotgun smaller than 20 gauge when loaded with shot or any shotgun loaded with shot smaller than SG or No. 1 buck.	Yes	No	No
Deer– Shotguns and Muzzle-loaders Only	No	No		Yes	No	No
Deer – Muzzle-loaders Only	No	No	No	Yes	No	No

NOTE: See appropriate sections for complete details.
In an area where there is an open season for deer, moose or black bear if you are the holder of a small game licence, you may not possess or use a rifle of greater calibre or projectile power than a .22 calibre rim-fire rifle chambered to .22 short, .22 long or 22 long rifle or shells loaded with ball or with shot larger than No. 2 shot, unless you possess a valid licence to hunt deer, moose or black bear as the case may be. When hunting deer or moose you may only use or carry the type of firearms allowed.

Hunter orange colour standards are generally consistent across North America.

Manufacturers can provide information regarding clothing compliance with this standard.

Use of Vehicles or Boats

(see Definitions page 94-95)

Aircraft may not be used while hunting. Snowmobiles, vehicles or boats may not be used for chasing, pursuing, harassing, capturing, killing, injuring or destroying any wildlife.

It is illegal to have a loaded firearm in or on, or discharge a firearm from, an aircraft, vehicle (including snowmobile and all terrain vehicle) or motor boat or anything towed by the boat. An exception to this rule is that a person may obtain an authorization through the local MNR office if the person's mobility is impaired and the person meets one of the following criteria:

1. A paraplegic or hemiplegic
2. A single (above the knee) lower limb amputation or a double (below the waist) amputation
3. Suffers severe disability, and cannot hunt without the use of a wheelchair or similar means of locomotion. In this case, must provide a medical certificate stating disability. The authorization is valid for a period of up to five years for a person with a permanent disability.

A loaded firearm may be carried in, and discharged from a canoe that is being paddled, with no motor attached. You may not hunt moose, deer or black bear while they are swimming.

NOTE: Restrictions on the use of motor boats. Under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act a motor boat means a boat **with a motor that is attached to the boat** (see definition on page 94). There is an exception to this rule if you are hunting waterfowl in accordance with the Migratory Birds Convention Act.

Under the Migratory Birds Convention Act a person may hunt migratory game birds from a powerboat if the motor is not in operation and the forward motion has ceased. **A powerboat may be used for the purpose of retrieving migratory game birds.**

Areas South of the French and Mattawa Rivers where Sunday Gun Hunting is Permitted as of September 1, 2006

MUNICIPALITY	GEOGRAPHIC AREA	MUNICIPALITY	GEOGRAPHIC AREA
Algonquin Highlands, Township of	Haliburton	Kingsville, Town of	Essex
		Leamington, Munic of	Essex
Alnwick/Haldimand, Township of	Northumberland	Leeds and the Thousand Islands, Township of	Leeds and Grenville
Amherstburg, Town of	Essex	Limerick, Township of	Hastings
Armour, Township of	Parry Sound	Marmora and Lake, Municipality of	Hastings
Arran-Elderslie, Municip of	Bruce		
Augusta, Township of	Leeds and Grenville	Meaford, Municipality of	Grey
Bayham, Municipality of	Elgin	Newbury, Village of	Middlesex
Blair, Brown, East Mills, Hardy, Henvy, Lount, McConkey, Mowat, Patterson, Pringle, Wallbridge, Wilson, Geographic Twsps of	Parry Sound	Nipissing, Township of	Parry Sound
		Norfork County	Norfolk
		North Dumfries, Twsp of	Waterloo
		North Dundas, Twsp of	Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry
		North Stormont, Twsp of	Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry
Blandford-Blenheim, Township of	Oxford	Northern Bruce Peninsula, Municipality of	Bruce
Bluewater, Municip of	Huron		
Bonfield, Township of	Nipissing	Ottawa, City of	Ottawa
Boyd, Lauder, Geographic Townships of	Nipissing	Papineau-Cameron, Twsp of	Nipissing
		Pelee, Township of	Essex
Bracebridge, Town of	Muskoka	Port Hope, Municipality of	Northumberland
Brock, Township of	Durham	Powassan, Municipality of	Parry Sound
Calvin, Township of	Nipissing	Prescott and Russell, United Counties of	Prescott and Russell
Carlow/Mayo, Twsps of	Hastings		
Clearview, Township of	Simcoe	Quinte West, City of	Hastings
Cramahe, Township of	Northumberland	Ramara, Township of	Simcoe
Dawn-Euphemia, Twsp of	Lambton	Renfrew, County of	Renfrew
Dysart, Dudley, Harcourt, Guilford, Harburn, Bruton, Havelock, Eyre and Clyde, United Townships of	Haliburton	Rideau Lakes, Twsp of	Leeds and Grenville
		Saugeen Shores, Town of	Bruce
		Shawanaga, Geographic Township of, except that part in The Archipelago, Twsp of	Parry Sound
East Ferris, Township of	Nipissing		
Edwardsburgh/Cardinal, Township of	Leeds and Grenville		
		South Algonquin, Twsp of	Nipissing
Elizabethtown-Kitley, Township of	Leeds and Grenville	South Bruce Peninsula, Town of	Bruce
Essa, Township of	Simcoe	South Glengarry, Twsp of	Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry
Faraday, Township of	Hastings		
Fort Erie, Town of	Niagara	South Stormont, Twsp of	Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry
Georgian Bluffs, Twsp of	Grey		
Georgina, Town of	York	Southgate, Township of	Grey
Goderich, Town of	Huron	Stirling-Rawdon, Twsp of	Hastings
Grimsby, Town of	Niagara	Stone Mills, Township of	Lennox and Addington
Hastings Highlands, Municipality of	Hastings		
		Tay Valley, Township of	Lanark
Harrison, Geographic Township of, except that part in The Archipelago, Twsp of	Parry Sound	Thames Centre, Municip of	Middlesex
		Trent Hills, Municipality of	Northumberland
		Tudor and Cashel, Twsp of	Hastings
		Tweed, Municipality of	Hastings
Havelock-Belmont-Methuen, Township of	Peterborough	Tyendinaga, Township of	Hastings
		Whitby, Town of	Durham
Huron East, Municip of	Huron	Whitchurch-Stouffville, Town of	York
Kearney, Town of	Parry Sound		
Killarney, Town of	Sudbury		

You may not carry or discharge a firearm, except bows or crossbows, on Sunday for the purpose of hunting except in the municipalities in the table above.
The table above does not apply to hunting on a licensed game bird hunting preserve.
NOTE: This list reflects the Sunday gun hunting regulation as of the date of printing this document. Please confirm the status of the municipality in which you want to hunt by checking the Sunday hunting information at this location *www.mnr.gov.on.ca/mnr/fwmenu.html* after September 1, 2006.

Dogs

You must license any dogs to be used to hunt deer, moose or bear. There is no limit on the number of dogs that may be licensed and used. Dogs may not run at large in an area inhabited by deer, moose, elk or bear during the closed season.

You must have an authorization or licence issued from the local MNR office to conduct dog training and field trials on game mammals and game birds during the closed season, or an appropriate hunting licence during the open season. **NOTE:** There is no authorization or licence that allows the chasing of wolf or coyote in the townships around Algonquin Park where there is a year-round closed season for those species.

In order to hunt raccoon at night, you must be accompanied by a dog licensed for raccoon hunting and you must have a resident's tag to hunt raccoon at night.

For a dog coming into Canada from the United States, you must have a certificate, signed by a veterinarian licensed in Canada or in the United States, stating that the dog has been vaccinated against rabies during the preceding 36 months. The certificate must have a reasonably complete and legible description of the dog and the date of the vaccination. For more information, check with Canada Customs.

Dogs may be brought into Ontario without security if you list them as part of the Tourist Outfitter's and/or Sportsmen's equipment when completing the necessary customs forms.

Dog Train and Trial Areas

Under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, only persons who owned and operated train and trial areas on June 9, 1997 may be licensed. Operators of these areas must have applied for a licence by April 1, 1999. Licences granted to existing owners may not be transferred.

Licensed owners may be authorized to keep coyote, red fox, varying hare and cottontail rabbit in captivity for this purpose, and are responsible for keeping these animals in a safe, sanitary and humane manner.

Chasing of coyote, red fox, varying hare and cottontail rabbit only is allowed.

No hunting or possession of firearms is allowed in a train and trial area.

Licensed owners must keep detailed records of usage of the areas. For more information about these areas, contact an MNR office.

Snares

Snares cannot be used, except by licensed hunters for taking varying hares north of the French and Mattawa rivers with a snare constructed of copper or brass wire between 22 and 24 gauge. The opening of the snare wire loop must be 10 cm (4 in.) or less in diameter.

Licensed trappers may use snares under conditions specified in the regulations.

Poison and Adhesives

It is illegal to use poison and adhesives to kill, injure or capture wildlife.

Trespassing

A hunting licence does not give hunters the right to enter private property.

ALWAYS ask for permission and obey signs. Signs may be in three formats:

- Red or yellow markings of such a size that a circle of 10 cm (4 inches) can be contained wholly within them. Red means no entry is permitted. Yellow markings mean no entry is permitted except for activities that may be allowed
- Graphic representation of a permitted or prohibited activity
- A written sign.

If it is not evident what activities are allowed, ask for permission from the landowner. Not all land is signed. Unsigned lands may be private land as well. (If property is fenced, no trespassing is permitted without permission of the landowner.) It is your responsibility to find out who owns the land you wish to hunt on and obtain permission. If unsure, stay out. **Positive landowner/hunter relationships are important to the future of hunting in Ontario.**

Be sure you are familiar with the Occupiers' Liability Act and the Trespass to Property Act before entering private land. (You may obtain these two Acts from Publications Ontario or online at *http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/isysBrowseCL_E.asp?lang=en).* You will also be violating the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act if the landowner asks you to leave and you do not do so immediately, or if you do not obey signs prohibiting trespassing, hunting or fishing.

In any county or regional municipality you may not hunt in a party of more than 12 persons without the landowner's permission.

Before hunting on Indian Reserves, ask the permission of the Band Council.

If you wish to hunt deer on Barrie Island, Cockburn Island or Manitoulin Island, you must have with you a valid deer licence and the written consent of the landowner on the form provided by MNR. If you wish to hunt moose in WMU 65, you must have a moose licence, the appropriate validation tag and written consent of the landowner on the form provided by MNR.

Crown Lands

In Ontario, travel for recreational purposes on Crown lands and waters is generally free and unrestricted. Generally, camping is allowed free on Crown lands up to 21 days at one site (to qualify as a separate site which can be occupied for an additional 21 days, a second camp site must be at least 100 metres from the first location by that camper) or unless otherwise posted under the Public Lands Act. **However, some Crown lands may have restricted-travel zones for forest fire prevention, officially closed forest-access roads or specific areas posted with signs to prohibit all or certain kinds of uses or travel.**

Non-residents of Canada, except those using a camping unit rented from a person who carries on an Ontario based business (commercial outfitter), require a permit to camp on Crown land north of the French and Mattawa rivers. Camping unit is defined as equipment used for the purpose of outdoor accommodation and includes a tent, trailer, tent-trailer, recreational vehicle, camper-back and any watercraft equipped for overnight accommodation. Contact a ServiceOntario office or licence issuer for permits.

Non-residents are prohibited from camping on Crown land at any time of year across large areas of northern Ontario. These areas are generally well signed, however, hunters are advised to check with the local MNR office for complete information on camping-prohibited areas.

Some Crown lands may also be posted against hunting and possession of firearms to protect forest workers or other resource users. Contact the local MNR office for the area in which you wish to hunt for further information.

Non-Resident of Canada Crown Land Camping Restrictions – WMUs 6, 7B, 9A, 9B.
Non-residents must also be aware that Crown land camping is prohibited within 1 km of the following road systems in Kenora and Fort Frances Districts from October 1 – November 15 inclusive.

- Hwy 71 and roads branching off of Hwy 71 from Strachan Road to the junction of Hwy 17
- Hwy 596, Caribou Falls Road and Sand Lake Road and all roads branching off of these roads to the junction of the English River Road
- Rush Bay Road and branch roads
- Shoal Lake Road and branch roads
- Gundy Lake Road and branch roads.

For more information contact Kenora District at 807-468-2501 or Fort Frances District at 807-274-5337.

Work Permits

The Public Lands Act states that you must have a work permit before you construct a new building, create trails, or do other modifications on Crown land. Crown land includes the bottom of most waterbodies. Contact an MNR office before you do work on Crown lands. MNR staff will advise you if you require a work permit. **Hunters are reminded that it is an offence under the Public Lands Act to leave any material, substance or thing on Crown land.**

Hunting in Ontario Provincial Parks

Permitted by regulations made under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act. Hunters should check with the appropriate Park Office regarding specific restrictions that apply in each park. (* Hunting occurs in a particular area of each Park.)

SPECIES – Moose, Grouse, Varying Hare

Lake Superior*

SPECIES – Ducks, Geese, Rails, Coots and Gallinules

Darlington*
Lake of the Woods*
Long Point*
McRae Point*
Polar Bear*
Presqu'ile*
Rock Point*
Rondeau*
Westmeath*

SPECIES – Game Birds, Migratory Birds or Game Mammals (see definition on page 94)

Abitibi-De Troyes
Albany River
Alexander Lake Forest
Algoma Headwaters
Algonquin Park*
McRae Addition (Clyde and Bruton Twps.)
Amable du Fond River
Aubindadong-Nushatogaini Rivers
Aubinadong River
Aubrey Falls
Batchawana River
Big East River
Biscotasi Lake*
Black Creek
Black Sturgeon River*
Blind River
Blue Lake*
(expanded areas only)
Bonnechere River*
Brightsand River*
Chapleau-Nemegosenda River*
Charleston Lake*
(expanded areas only)
Dana-Lowsey Lakes*
Eagle Dogtooth
East English River
Egan Chutes* (expanded areas only)
Englehart River Fine Sand Plain Waterway
Esker Lakes* (expanded areas only)
Fawn River
French River*
Fushimi Lake*
Goulais River
Greenwater* (expanded areas only)
Grundy Lake*
Gull River
Halfway Lake* (expanded areas only)
Ivanhoe* (expanded areas only)
Jocko Rivers*
Kap-Kig-Iwan* (expanded areas only)
Kashabowie
Kawartha Highlands
Kopka River*
Lake St. Peter
La Cloche
LaMotte Lake
Larder River Waterway
LaVerendrye*
Little Abitibi
Little Current River
Little White River
Lower Madawaska River*
Magnetawan River
Makobe-Grays River
Mashkinonje* (expanded areas only)
Matinenda
Missinaibi*
(hunting only permitted north of Peterbell – contact 705-864-1710 ext. 214 for applicable restrictions in areas north of Peterbell)
Mississagi* (expanded areas only)
Mississagi River
Nagagamisis*
Nakina Moraine
Neys* (expanded areas only)
Nimoosh
Noganosh Lake
North Channel Inshore
Obabika River
Obatanga*
Obonga-Ottertooth
Ogoki River
Opeongo River
Otoskwin-Attawapiskat River
Ottawa River
Oxtongue River-Ragged Falls
Pancake Bay* (expanded areas only)
Pigeon River*
Pipestone River
Point Farms*
Pretty River Valley
Pukaskwa River
Puzzle Lake
Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands
Restoule* (hunting only permitted west of the Restoule River, north of Burnt Creek Complex and the OLL addition, please contact (705) 729-2010 for applicable restrictions)
Ruby Lake
Sandbar Lake* (expanded areas only)
Sandpoint Island
Severn River
Silent Lake* (expanded areas only)
Silver Falls
Solace
South Bay
Spanish River
St. Raphael
Steel River
Sturgeon River*
Temagami River
The Massasauga
The Shoals*
(hunting only permitted north of Hwy. #101)
Turtle River-White Otter Lake*
Upper Madawaska River
W.J.B. Greenwood
Wabakimi* (expanded areas only)
Wanapitei
Wenebegon River
West English River
West Montreal River
Whitesand
Widdifield Forest
Winisk River
Woman River Forest

Provincial Parks

You may not hunt (or take) any mammals, birds, amphibians or reptiles, in provincial parks, or have a firearm with you, unless otherwise provided in the Regulations. Check with your local MNR office or the Regulations for more details and for special permit requirements for hunting in Clyde, Bruton and Eyre townships (WMU 54). **Hunting of wolves is prohibited in provincial parks.**

Wildlife Management Areas – Wildlife Extension Landowner Agreement Area / Provincial Wildlife Area

There are 34 Provincial Wildlife and Wildlife Extension Landowner Agreement Areas in Ontario which provide hunting. Some areas have daily or seasonal licence fees, while others may be used free of charge. See pages 7, 9 and 11 for listings. Some areas are only open on certain days of the week and for special hours and designated species. Detailed information on each area can be obtained from local MNR offices.

Game Preserves

Except where stated in the Regulations, you may not hunt or trap, or use or possess firearms in Crown Game Preserves. You may possess firearms if you live on private land within a Crown Game Preserve, but you may not hunt or trap. There are Crown Game Preserves other than those shown on the maps. Contact an MNR office for more details.

Conservation Officers

Conservation Officers have powers of inspection, arrest, search and seizure under the various statutes they enforce, including the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, the Migratory Birds Convention Act and the Fisheries Act. When carrying out his or her duties, or investigating an offence under these statutes or the corresponding regulations, a Conservation Officer may do the following:

- Stop and/or inspect a vehicle, boat or aircraft
- Inspect firearms, ammunition, game or fish
- Ask questions relevant to the inspection
- Inspect buildings or other places
- Search with a warrant
- Search without a warrant in circumstances requiring immediate action
- Seize items related to the offence
- Arrest anyone the Conservation Officer believes has committed, is committing, or is about to commit an offence under these Acts or any other legislation they may enforce.

Conservation Officers operate random "Game Check Stations" throughout the year. At these stations, Conservation Officers collect information on game taken by hunters and make sure the regulations are being followed in order to better manage our wildlife resources.

Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act

The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act is the main provincial law regulating hunting and trapping. The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act is enforced by Conservation Officers and Deputy Conservation Officers.

The penalties for offences under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act can include:
General offences: . . $25,000, 1 year imprisonment, or both.
Commercialization:
related offences . . . $100,000, 2 years imprisonment, or both.

You may obtain the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act and regulations at *www.e-laws.gov.on.ca*.

Reporting a Violation

If you see or suspect someone of abusing a natural resource, please call **1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667) toll-free any time to report a violation. You may also contact your local ministry office during regular business hours or call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).** Be sure to include information on the exact location of the violation, date and time of the violation, and a description of the individuals and vehicles involved. Timely and accurate information will assist Conservation Officers in apprehending violators and **protect your natural resources**.

Specially Protected Wildlife

In Ontario, it is illegal to hunt or trap specially protected wildlife (see Definitions, page 95, for a list of these species) except in protection of property unless they are endangered species.

The ministry is interested in receiving information about any illegal acts involving specially protected wildlife. Please call 1-800-222-TIPS or your local MNR office.

Endangered Species

The Endangered Species Act protects 43 species of animals and plants and their habitats. These are: red mulberry, bird's-foot violet, spoon-leaved moss, small white lady's-slipper orchid, small whorled pogonia, large whorled pogonia, cucumber tree, prickly pear cactus, heart-leaved plantain, slender bush clover, horsetail spike-rush and few-flowered clubrush (also known as shy bulrush), wood poppy, hoary mountain mint, frosted elfin, blunt-lobed woodsia, drooping trillium, juniper sedge, nodding pogonia, pink milkwort, spotted wintergreen, false hop sedge, Skinner's agalinis, Virginia goat's-rue, western silvery aster, Karner blue butterfly, Blanchard's cricket frog, northern dusky salamander, Lake Erie water snake, blue racer, timber rattlesnake, white pelican, bald eagle, golden eagle, peregrine falcon, piping plover, Eskimo curlew, Kirtland's warbler, loggerhead shrike, Henslow's sparrow, king rail, prothonotary warbler and eastern cougar.

Anyone who interferes with, injures or kills an endangered species or destroys the habitat of an endangered species is liable to a fine of up to $50,000 or two years imprisonment – or both. Contact an MNR office for more information about endangered species.

Protection of Property

Generally, you may on your own land, capture, kill or harass wildlife to stop that wildlife from damaging your property. This does not apply to moose, caribou, elk, endangered species or the trapping of black bear. White-tailed deer may be killed or harassed with an authorization from the ministry. You may also use an agent if the agent is authorized by the ministry or

belongs to a class of agents prescribed by the regulations. There are exceptions to this. Contact an MNR office for further information. **Black bears killed in protection of property by landowners and their agents must be immediately reported to an MNR office.** A person may not use a body gripping trap or be in possession of a body gripping trap unless he or she is lawfully entitled to use the trap.

Wolves and coyotes killed in protection of property by landowners or their agents in WMUs 1-42, 46-50 and 53-58 must be immediately reported to an MNR office.

Elk and Caribou

There is no open season for elk or caribou in Ontario.

Game Wildlife and Parts

You may not let the flesh of any harvested game wildlife (see Definitions, page 94) which is suitable for food be destroyed, spoiled or abandoned. This includes black bear.

It is illegal to buy, sell or barter any game wildlife or specially protected wildlife or their parts, except under the authority of a licence and as permitted by the regulations. Contact an MNR office for more information.

In addition, you may purchase only the meat of furbearing mammals from a person licensed to take that furbearer for your own use or that of your immediate family. A person selling a carcass of a furbearing mammal for consumption must advise the buyer in writing that the meat has not been inspected under the Meat Inspection Act.

A person without a licence may buy or sell a single hide of black bear, with head and claws attached, and a single hide of a deer or moose, without the head attached, and a single set of cast antlers of caribou, elk, deer and moose if they are lawfully acquired.

A person who wishes to buy more than a single hide or single set of cast antlers must have a dealer's licence. Please contact an MNR office.

The above regulations apply not only to meat and parts of Ontario wildlife, but also to meat and parts imported into Ontario from outside the province.

A charitable organization may apply for an "authorization to conduct a wild game dinner", issued by MNR. For information on conducting wild game dinners contact your local MNR office.

BLACK BEAR GALLS – It is illegal to possess a black bear gallbladder that has been removed from a black bear.

Possession of Accidentally Killed Animals

If you wish to keep animals including certain birds (other than migratory birds) killed by natural or other accidental causes including road kills, a Certificate of Reporting Game must be obtained. In the case of black bear, moose, deer, elk and caribou, you must report the acquisition to an MNR office immediately. For specially protected raptors and furbearing mammals, you must make the report within two working days from when you acquired the animal. You need a Licence to Possess a Pelt for furbearing mammals. In addition, anyone who acquires a specially protected raptor (see Definitions page 95) must take the carcass to an MNR office for registration within five working days of the acquisition. For migratory birds, contact the Canadian Wildlife Service, Burlington at **(905) 336-6410.**

A person who kills a specially protected raptor or a furbearing mammal in protection of property, and is planning to keep the carcass, must report the acquisition.

A person who kills a black bear in protection of his/her property must report it to the MNR district/area office whether or not the carcass is kept.

Export and Shipping

You must have an Ontario export permit to export moose, deer and bear or any part thereof from Ontario (see pages 32, 56 and 75 for more information).

An Ontario export permit for non-residents is $35.00. For residents of Ontario, export permits are issued at no charge.

Residents and non-residents may export from Ontario game wildlife legally killed under the appropriate licence, if they produce a valid hunting licence for those species.

A resident may temporarily transport moose, deer or bear out of Ontario without an export permit if the resident is on the way to a location in Ontario, and does not leave any of the wildlife outside Ontario.

You must have an Ontario export permit to export any furbearing mammal, or its pelt from Ontario (see page 82 for more information).

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) is an international agreement which regulates trade in a number of species of animals and plants, their parts and derivatives, and any articles made from them. You need a CITES permit to export wolf, black bear or several other species from Canada.

The CITES permit requirement is waived for U.S. or Canadian residents in some instances (see page 76). In some instances both a CITES permit and a provincial export permit are required.

CITES permits are currently available free of charge from MNR offices.

For more information on CITES see *www.cites.ca*.

It is an offence to possess wildlife that was killed, captured, taken, possessed, transported, bought, sold or removed from another jurisdiction contrary to the laws of that jurisdiction.

It is an offence to sell wildlife from another jurisdiction if the sale is not permitted in the jurisdiction that it was originally exported from.

Wildlife in Captivity

The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act requires you to have a licence in order to keep game and specially protected wildlife in captivity. Contact an MNR office for more information.

Wild Turkey Regulations

Licence Fee (GST is included)
Wild Turkey Licence and Game Seal . . . . . (maximum of two licences per hunter) $22.50 per licence

If you are a resident, you must have a wild turkey licence along with your Outdoors Card and a small game licence.
If you are a non-resident, you must have a wild turkey licence and a non-resident's small game licence.

Wild Turkey			
WMU(s)	**Open Season**	**Bag Limit**	**Hours**
48, 55B, 58, 59, 60A, 61, 62, 63, 64A, 64B, 65, 66A, 67, 68, 69A, 69B, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82A, 82B, 83A, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92A, 92B, 92C, 92D, 93A, 93B, 93C, 94B, 95	Residents and Non-Residents April 25 to May 31, 2006 Residents and Non-Residents April 25 to May 31, 2007	1 bearded wild turkey per licence per day 2 licences per hunter maximum The two birds may not be taken on the same day.	1/2 hour before sunrise to 7:00 p.m.

Wild Turkey Licences

If you have never hunted wild turkeys in Ontario before, you must take a wild turkey hunter education seminar and pass a test in order to get a wild turkey licence.

The MNR Wild Turkey Hunter Education Seminar Program, administered by the OFAH teaches safety, ethics and successful turkey hunting techniques. Participants must attend a seminar and pass a written, multiple-choice test to receive a certificate which allows them to purchase an Ontario wild turkey licence.

The schedule of wild turkey seminar locations and dates is available from the OFAH at **(705) 748-6324**, or on the OFAH website at *www.ofah.org*.

Ontario residents wishing to hunt wild turkeys must have:

- A valid hunting version Outdoors Card
- A small game licence (the sticker that goes on the back of the Outdoors Card) or an E-licence
- A wild turkey licence (a paper licence that must be carried when hunting) and game seal.

Wild turkey licences are available province wide through the Ministry of Natural Resources' automated telephone licensing line. This line allows Ontario resident hunters to purchase a wild turkey hunting licence using a toll-free telephone line, 24 hours a day, seven days a week from March 1 to April 30.

To use this system, a hunter who has received a certificate at a wild turkey seminar needs:

- A valid hunting version Outdoors Card number
- A valid VISA, MasterCard or American Express card
- A Touch-Tone telephone.

The hunter will be instructed to enter the required information using the telephone's keypad. **PLEASE NOTE:** This system does not accept spoken answers; only responses provided using the keypad can be processed.

To purchase a licence using the automated telephone line, call **1-800-288-1155 between March 1 and April 30**. Hunters wishing to purchase two wild turkey licences by telephone must place two calls. Your wild turkey licence(s) and game seal(s) will be mailed the next business day. Please allow time for your licence(s) and game seal(s) to reach you.

Counter sales of wild turkey licences will be offered by some ServiceOntario offices in southern Ontario as well as by selected licence issuers in the MNR regions of Kemptville, Minden, Guelph, Vineland, Pembroke, Kingston, Peterborough, Bancroft, Midhurst, Aylmer, and Aurora.

Ontario residents wishing to purchase a wild turkey licence from a licence issuer must show one of the following at the time of purchase:

- Their Outdoors Card bearing a "T" insignia
- Their valid hunting version Outdoors Card plus their Wild Turkey Hunter Education certificate
- Their valid hunting version Outdoors Card plus a previous Ontario wild turkey licence bearing the hunter's name and Outdoors Card number.

Non-residents wishing to purchase a wild turkey licence from a ServiceOntario office or licence issuer must show their Wild Turkey Education certificate.

Non-resident Opportunities

Ontario's wild turkey season is open to non-residents who:

- Are accredited hunters
- Have taken the Ontario Wild Turkey Hunter Education Seminar and passed the written test, and
- Have purchased a non-resident's small game licence and a wild turkey licence.

Wild Turkey Hunting Regulations

The following is an overview. For complete information, or if you have additional questions, please contact an MNR office that serves the area in which you would like to hunt wild turkey. A list of offices can be found on page 96.

The wild turkey hunting season is open from April 25 to May 31, 2006, in selected Wildlife Management Units in southern Ontario. **The hours of hunting are from 1/2 hour before sunrise to 7:00 p.m.** The harvest limit is two bearded wild turkeys per hunter per season. A licence is required for each of the two birds. You may buy both licences in advance, but the **two birds may not be taken on the same day.** You are permitted to call wild turkeys for another hunter after filling your own licence(s), but you must not be in possession of a firearm when doing so.

It is illegal to use live decoys or electronic calls while wild turkey hunting in Ontario. It is illegal to hunt wild turkeys with the use of bait.

Wild turkeys may be hunted using shotguns (including muzzle-loading shotguns) and archery equipment. Shotguns must be no larger than 10 gauge, and not smaller than 20 gauge, loaded with shot sizes 4, 5 or 6.

When archery hunting for wild turkey, bows must meet the following specifications.

Crossbows:

- Draw length must be at least 300 mm (11.8 in.).
- Draw weight must be at least 45 kg (99.2 lb.).
- Bolt head must be at least 22 mm (0.87 in.) at the widest point.
- There must be at least two cutting edges of straight, sharp, unserrated, barbless steel.

Bows (compound, recurve or long):

- Draw weight must be at least 18 kg (39.7 lb.) at draw length of 700 mm (27.6 in.) or less.
- Arrow length must be at least 600 mm (23.6 in.).
- Arrow head must be at least 22 mm (0.87 in.) at the widest point.
- There must be at least two cutting edges of straight, sharp, unserrated, barbless steel.

For information on measuring draw length and arrow length, refer to page 21 under "Firearms".

Sealing and Transporting

The holder of a licence who has killed a wild turkey shall:

a) Immediately after the kill and at the site of the kill attach the game seal provided with the licence or licence tag to the wild turkey in the manner indicated on the seal.

b) Keep the game seal attached to the wild turkey until it is prepared for consumption.

c) Take the intact carcass of the bird (with or without entrails) to a designated check station by no later than 12:00 noon on the day following the day the wild turkey was harvested. It is mandatory for hunters to take their wild turkey to an MNR check station by no later than 12:00 noon the day after the kill. For a list of check stations please visit the ServiceOntario office in the area you plan to hunt or log on to *www.mnr.gov.on.ca/mnr/fumenu.html*.

Wild Turkey Seminars

Wild turkey hunting is unlike any other type of traditional hunting in Ontario.

The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters administers the Wild Turkey Hunter Education Program in partnership with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. Anyone wishing to hunt wild turkeys in Ontario for the first time must take this one-day course before they can obtain a licence.

Even for those people who do not hunt, the affordably priced Wild Turkey Seminar is a worthwhile investment. The program covers the natural history of the wild turkey, equipment, calling, hunting safety and responsible hunting, hunting regulations, and hunting techniques. Emphasis on conservation and wild turkey restoration are also part of this comprehensive program.

For a complete list of Wild Turkey Hunter Education Seminars, or to register, call the O.F.A.H. at 705-748-6324 or visit the O.F.A.H website at *www.ofah.org*.

Northern Resident Moose Validation Tag Draw

Residents of northern Ontario depend on natural resources that constitute the foundation of a traditional northern lifestyle and the economy on which it is based. The Northern Resident Moose Validation Tag Draw is intended to provide residents of northern Ontario with an additional opportunity for a validation tag.

In 2006, five per cent of the adult moose validation tags in Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) north of the French and Mattawa rivers will be held back from the regular moose validation tag draw and used as the quota for a second draw specifically for residents of northern Ontario.

The allocation of these Northern Resident validation tags will take place as follows:

- The regular moose draw will be run to distribute 95 per cent of the annual quota to all resident applicants through random draws as described on page 37.
- Once the regular draw is complete, each northern resident moose hunter who applied to a WMU north of the French and Mattawa rivers (WMUs 1-42) and was unsuccessful (or who was a member of a group that was unsuccessful) in the 2006 draw and was also unsuccessful in the previous two annual draws (2004 and 2005), will automatically be entered into a separate draw for the remaining five per cent of the quota in the first choice WMU applied to in the regular draw.
- Successful second draw hunters will be notified by mail and asked to verify their residency to claim the validation tag.

Northern resident moose hunters are defined as those individuals with a permanent address in the territorial districts of Kenora, Rainy River, Thunder Bay, Cochrane, Algoma, Sudbury, Timiskaming, Nipissing, Parry Sound, Manitoulin and the City of Greater Sudbury.

Calf Validation Tag and Hunter Reporting Requirements in WMUs 48, 55A, 55B and 57

In 2004, MNR established a calf validation tag requirement for hunting calf moose in WMUs 48, 55A, 55B and 57. This was done to address the declining moose population in eastern Ontario, and to respond to the recommendations of a public consultation group called the Eastern Ontario Moose Management Round Table.

The moose hunting rules for these WMUs include:

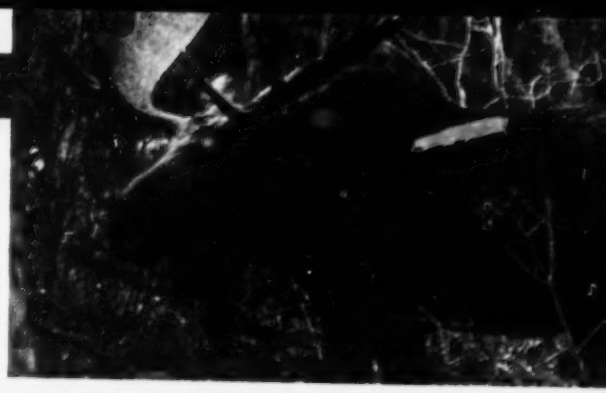
Calf Tag Allocation

- A calf validation tag is required to harvest a calf moose in WMUs 48, 55A, 55B or 57. Calf validation tags, where available, will be offered through the adult draw. Party hunting on calf validation tags is allowed.
- Hunters can apply to the draw for calf or adult validation tags in these units by telephone or by paper application. Hunters may apply to the draw as a group but there will be no Guaranteed Group Size.
- Pool 1 hunters who are successful in the draw for a calf tag will retain Pool 1 status the following year. Pool 2 hunters who are successful in the draw for a calf validation tag will advance to Pool 1 status the following year.

Enhanced Hunter Registration and Reporting

- Mandatory Registration: A harvest registration form will be mailed to each hunter who is successful in the draw for a validation tag (adult or calf) in WMU 48, 55A, 55B and 57. Validation tag holders who harvest a moose must take both the completed harvest registration form and the harvested moose (field dressed carcass) to an authorized check station no later than 48 hours after the close of the season specified on the validation tag. The locations and hours of operation for the authorized check stations will be included in the information package distributed with the validation tags.
- Mandatory Reporting: **All validation tag holders** must return the completed harvest report form to the Pembroke or Bancroft MNR office within 14 days of the close of the season specified on the validation tag. This also includes hunters who have harvested and registered a moose.
- Validation tag holders who fail to register a harvested moose at a check station, or who fail to provide the mandatory report as required, will be ineligible to apply to the draw in WMUs 48, 55A, 55B or 57 in the following year, and may also be charged with failing to report as required by regulations under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act.

Moose Regulations



Licence Fees (GST is included in all fees)

1. **Resident's licence tag to hunt moose** **$43.00**
2. **Non-resident's licence to hunt moose** **$360.00**
3. **Dog licence** **$10.25**

NOTE: It is illegal for a hunter to purchase more than one moose licence tag.

Export Permits (See also Export and Shipping, page 27)
This permit is required to export from Ontario any part of the moose, including carcass, hide or antlers.
Non-resident's Export Permit Fee **$35.00**
Resident's Export Permit issued at no charge.

DRAW RESULTS TELEPHONE LINE: 1-800-288-1155 (available after August 1). Call toll-free to determine your success in the draw for moose validation tags. Unsuccessful applicants can also receive information regarding surplus tags during this call.

Information for All Moose Hunters

Firearms

Big game, including moose, may only be hunted with a firearm (this includes bows). When hunting moose you may use or carry only a firearm of the type (rifle, shotgun, archery or muzzle-loader) permitted for hunting moose at that time in that WMU (see page 22). For example, when hunting moose during an archery only season, you may use or carry only archery equipment. You may not carry a rifle or shotgun for hunting other game species. However, when hunting moose during a rifle/shotgun season you may also carry a rifle or shotgun for small game (in addition to your firearm that meets the specifications to hunt moose) because it is the same type of firearm.

The following cannot be used for hunting moose:

- A rim-fire rifle
- A shotgun smaller than 20 gauge when loaded with shot
- Any shotgun loaded with shot smaller than SG or No. 1 buck.

When archery hunting for moose, you must not possess or use archery equipment other than the following:

Crossbows:

- Draw length must be at least 300 mm (11.8 in.).
- Draw weight must be at least 54 kg (119 lb.).
- Bolt head must be at least 22 mm (0.87 in.) at the widest point.
- There must be at least two cutting edges of straight, sharp, unserrated, barbless steel.

Bows (compound, recurve, long):

- Draw weight must be at least 22 kg (48.5 lb.) at draw length of 700 mm (27.6 in.) or less.
- Arrow length must be at least 600 mm (23.6 in.).
- Arrow head must be at least 22 mm (0.87 in.) at the widest point.
- There must be at least two cutting edges of straight, sharp, unserrated, barbless steel.

For information on measuring draw length and arrow length, refer to page 21 under "Firearms".

NOTE: It is illegal to hunt moose while they are swimming.

Party Hunting for Moose

The term "party hunting for moose" means two or more persons hunting during an open season for moose **under all of the following conditions:**

- Each person has a valid licence to hunt moose.
- The total number of moose killed by the party does not exceed the total number of game seals held by the members of the party licensed to hunt moose.
- The total number of moose of a specified sex or age killed by the party does not exceed the total number of game seals validated for that sex or age that are held by members of the party.
- All members of the party hunt together in the same wildlife management unit or portion thereof as the person who holds the game seal that is valid for the moose being hunted.
- Each member of the party hunts within five kilometers of the person who holds the game seal that is valid for the moose being hunted.
- Each member of the party must be able to reliably and immediately communicate with other members of the party.
- All members of the party, including the person who holds the seal that is valid for the moose that the party is hunting, actively participate in the hunt and hunt co-operatively.

The person who kills the moose while hunting in a party shall immediately notify all other members of the party the moose has been killed.

A person may hunt in a party even if the person has previously attached his or her game seal to a moose.

Sealing and Transporting Moose

The moose validation tag, in the case of resident hunters, must be affixed to the recipient's game seal before hunting begins. In the case of non-resident hunters, the validation tag must be affixed to the moose hunting licence.

If hunting moose alone:
When a moose has been killed, the licence holder who shot the moose must, **immediately** after the kill and at the kill site, securely **attach the game seal** to the animal in the manner described on the seal. See page 45 for a diagram of where to attach the game seal.

You must notch out the month, date and time of kill on the game seal.

If party hunting for moose:
When a moose has been killed, the shooter or a member who is hunting in the party, whose licence has been validated for the type of moose (bull, cow, or in WMUs 48, 55A, 55B and 57, bull, cow, or calf) that was killed, must immediately after the kill and at the kill site, securely attach the game seal to the animal in the manner described on the seal. **You must notch out the month, date and time of kill on the game seal.**

Only the hunter whose game seal is to be used is allowed to attach the game seal to the moose. It is illegal to transfer a game seal in order to seal a moose.

For a bull or cow moose:
Attach the game seal to the tendon of one of the hind legs to which the scrotal sac or vulva (as shown on the seal) is attached by the connective tissue. The game seal and proof of sex must remain attached to the animal while it is being transported. See page 45 for a diagram of where to attach the game seal.

For a calf moose:
Attach the game seal to the complete lower jaw. The game seal and jaw must accompany the animal while it is being transported. For calves taken in most Wildlife Management Units the lower jaw may be removed from the head as long as it is kept whole (i.e., the two sides of the jaw must not be separated). In Wildlife Management Units 48, 55A, 55B and 57 hunters are asked to keep the carcass intact (i.e., do not remove the jaw or head from the carcass) until the calf has been registered at an authorized check station. See page 45 for a diagram of where to attach the game seal.

If you are transporting part of a moose, you must know, and be prepared to state:

- The name of the hunter who sealed the animal
- The hunting licence and validation tag number under which the animal was claimed
- The WMU in which it was taken if requested to do so by a Conservation Officer.

Export and Shipping

Residents and non-residents must have an Ontario export permit to export moose or any part of a moose from Ontario. You may obtain an export permit from some ServiceOntario offices as well as from specific outside issuers (contact the local MNR office for details). You should obtain the export permit before reaching a border point to avoid any inconvenience.

A resident may temporarily transport a moose out of Ontario without an export permit if the resident is on the way to a location in Ontario and does not leave any part of the moose outside Ontario.

A non-resident must pay $35.00 for an export permit. Export permits have sub-permits attached to them for exporting a part or parts of the animal for which an export permit has been issued. You may use up to three sub-permits for this purpose. Receptacles containing game wildlife or specially protected wildlife that are being shipped or transported to points inside or outside Ontario must have the names and addresses of the sender and receiver, and a list of the contents written on the outside.

NOTE: Hunters are advised that at the time this *Summary* went to press, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) as well as some individual states had requirements in place for the import of wild ruminant meat and trophies from Canada to the U.S. When planning their hunt U.S. hunters should check on the status of any requirements, including hours of operation at ports of entry, to avoid delays when returning home with legally harvested game.

Similarly, Canadian hunters who wish to travel through the U.S. to reach a Canadian destination should check for any requirements for transporting meat before finalizing their travel itinerary. For more information see the USDA website at *http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/ncie*. Click on "Import Alerts" found in the "News and Information" section. This section provides an outline of procedures for importation of wild ruminant meat and trophies, as well as guidelines for what is not allowed for importation.

Information for Ontario Residents Wishing to Hunt Moose

Who can hunt moose in Ontario?

A resident of Ontario may hunt moose under certain conditions if he or she is in possession of a valid hunting version Outdoors Card, a current moose hunting licence tag (sticker that goes on the back of the Outdoors Card) **and** can meet one of the following criteria:

- The hunter has a game seal and validation tag for a cow or a bull **OR**
- If hunting for calf in WMU 48, 55A, 55B or 57 the hunter has a game seal and validation tag for a calf in the specific WMU being hunted (see the rules for hunting moose in WMUs 48, 55A, 55B and 57 on page 30) **OR**
- The hunter has a game seal and is hunting calf moose in a WMU other than 48, 55A, 55B or 57 **OR**
- The hunter is party hunting (see the definition of party hunting on page 95) with someone who has a game seal and validation tag.

The exception to this is WMU 65 which has a hunt with controlled hunter numbers (see page 46 for more information on the controlled hunt in WMU 65 or call the Kemptville District Office at 613-258-8204).

To receive a validation tag to hunt for an adult moose (or to hunt for a calf moose in WMUs 48, 55A, 55B or 57), the resident hunter must purchase a moose licence and apply to the moose validation tag draw. Tags are issued through a computerized draw. The validation tag authorizes the holder to hunt only the type of moose described on the validation tag in the WMU specified. **No refund of licence fees is granted to a moose draw applicant who is unsuccessful in the draw for a validation tag.**

Residents of Ontario who are going to be a guest of a qualified tourist outfitter at the time of the hunt may be able to get an adult moose validation tag through the outfitter. The tag is valid only if you are a registered guest and actually accommodated by the tourist establishment. This may be on a Crown land site if authorized for occupancy by the Ministry of Natural Resources, or at a camp operated by the outfitter.

What is a moose validation tag?

A validation tag allows the tag holder or a member of the hunter's party hunting with the tag holder, to harvest an adult moose (or a calf moose in WMUs 48, 55A, 55B or 57) under certain specified conditions. The conditions state the WMU to which the tag applies; the season (either the gun season or the archery season); the type of moose (bull, cow, calf); and, any firearm restrictions (rifle, shotgun, archery, muzzle-loader) which may apply to the hunter. Moose validation tags obtained through tourist outfitters include additional information.

The number of validation tags available in a WMU is related to the number of moose MNR biologists calculate can be sustainably harvested. Because the number of Ontario residents wishing to hunt moose is greater than the number of validation tags available, validation tags are allocated through computerized draws (see page 37).

Ontario residents wishing to apply to the draw have two options:

- Call the toll-free automated telephone application system to purchase a moose licence and apply to the draw (see page 40) **OR**
- Fill out and mail the Resident's Application for a Moose Validation Tag that is attached to the paper moose licence purchased from a licence issuer.

The deadline by which a telephone application must be made is **11:55 p.m. (EDT) on Wednesday, May 31, 2006**. If you plan to apply by telephone do not leave your call until the day of the deadline! If you wait until the last day and cannot get through because the lines are busy, you will not be able to enter the draw. The earlier in the application period you apply, the easier it will be to connect to the system on your first try.

The deadline by which a carefully and completely filled out paper application must be received at a ServiceOntario office is **5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 31, 2006**.

What are the different ways a resident of Ontario may apply to the draw for a validation tag to hunt moose?

There are two ways in which an Ontario resident can apply to the draw for a moose validation tag:

- As a member of a group **OR**
- As an individual hunter

In order to apply to the draw, the hunter must have a valid hunting version Outdoors Card and must have purchased a moose licence.

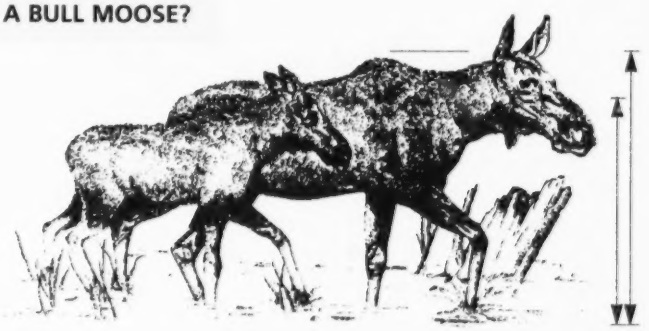
A hunter who fails to get an adult moose validation tag through the draw process and still wishes to hunt an adult moose may party hunt with the holder of an adult moose validation tag. Another option is to hunt with an outfitter who has moose validation tags available for guests and who is accommodating the resident hunter as a registered guest.

HOW DO YOU DEFINE A CALF, A COW AND A BULL MOOSE?

A calf is a moose that is less than one year old at the time of the hunt.

A cow is a female moose that is at least one year old at the time of the hunt.

A bull is a male moose that is at least one year old at the time of the hunt.



Short face
Calf moose appear to have a small nose and a "short face."

Seldom alone
Calf moose are seldom alone.

Body proportions
Calf moose appear to have more leg than body and their hindquarters appear slender.

Shoulder Height
Shoulder height of cow moose is six feet (2 m) and of calf moose is four feet (1.3 m).

If the hunter fails to get a calf validation tag in WMUs 48, 55A, 55B or 57 through the draw process, other options are to hunt for a calf in any other WMU with an open season for moose, party hunt with the holder of an adult or calf moose validation tag or, to hunt with an outfitter who has adult moose validation tags available for guests and who is accommodating the resident hunter as a registered guest.

NOTE: A hunter cannot have more than one moose validation tag at the time of the hunt.

What are the benefits of applying as a group?

If you party hunt, it is usually better to apply as part of a group. The maximum group size is 15 hunters.

Applying in a group increases every hunter's chances of obtaining a moose validation tag for their party. Group applications allow tags to be spread out more evenly among hunting parties.

If your group is too small to meet the Guaranteed Group Size or the Hunter: Tag Ratio, all members of your group will have, at the very least, the same chance they would have had if they all applied to the draw as individuals and they will not be negatively affected by applying in a group.

Applying in a group provides your party with the best chance of getting one validation tag while keeping as many hunters as possible in Pool 1 for the next year.

If you applied in a group and the validation tag holder is unable to go hunting, the tag can be transferred to the Ministry-designated alternate within the group's applicants. Individual applicants are never permitted to transfer their validation tag to another person.

The membership of the group in which you applied for a moose validation tag does not necessarily have to be identical to the membership of your hunting party at the time of the hunt.

How do I know what "pool" I am in for tag application purposes?

All applicants to the draw for a moose validation tag are in either Pool 1 (also called the preferred pool) or Pool 2 (also called the non-preferred pool). Knowing what pool you (and members of your group) are in is important information because only Pool 1 hunters are counted when determining the size of your group.

You are in Pool 1 if you:

- Applied on time for the draw in 2005, and were unsuccessful in getting a tag **OR**
- Were successful in the draw and transferred the tag to the group alternate, unless you did this in two consecutive years **OR**
- Were successful in the draw for a calf tag in WMU 48, 55A, 55B or 57.

Simply purchasing a moose licence last year does not qualify you for Pool 1 this year.

You are in Pool 2 if you:

- Received an adult moose validation tag in the 2005 draw **OR**
- Received an adult validation tag through a transfer in 2005 **OR**
- Did not apply to the draw in 2005 **OR**
- Gave up your tag in a transfer in both 2004 and 2005.

How do I stay in Pool 1 for next year if I know I cannot hunt this year?

Some hunters who are eligible for Pool 1 know they will not be able to participate in the moose hunt this year, but want to ensure they are in Pool 1 next year. There are two ways to ensure you do not get a tag this year when you apply for the draw, so that you can retain your Pool 1 status for the next year's draw.

You can:

- Submit a paper draw application and apply for WMU 99Z (this is not a real WMU so you will not be issued a tag) **OR**
- Submit a paper draw application and leave your choice of WMU and firearm (gun or archery) blank.

What is the Guaranteed Group Size method of applying to the draw?

In some WMUs, an adult moose validation tag will be guaranteed to a group of hunters when the number of Pool 1 hunters in the group meets a pre-determined size. This is known as the Guaranteed Group Size.

The actual size of the group required varies:

- From WMU to WMU
- According to the sex of moose preferred
- In some WMUs according to the firearm preferred by the group (gun or archery).

Remember, only Pool 1 hunters are counted when determining the group size.

If you have enough Pool 1 hunters in your group to meet the Guaranteed Group Size in the WMU, sex and season (gun or archery) choice for the type of validation tag your party wants, you should apply to the draw as one group. Be sure to apply for the guaranteed tag (WMU, bull/cow and season) as your first choice if it is your preference. If applying by telephone, keep a record of the Group Reference Number (group leaders only) or the Authorization Number (group members and individual applicants) provided to you during the phone call. If applying by paper, keep a record of your Group Application Number (printed in red on the back of the Group Application Envelope).

How is the Guaranteed Group Size determined?

The 2006 Guaranteed Group Size is calculated for each WMU, sex and season choice. The "potential" number of Pool 1, Choice 1 (P1C1) applicants to the 2006 draw is estimated by adding together the 2005 P1C1 applicants and Pool 2, Choice 1 (P2C1) applicants, and subtracting the 2005 tag quota. Then, this number of "potential" P1C1 applications is divided by the new 2006 validation tag quota. The result is the 2006 Guaranteed Group Size.

We want to party hunt, but our group is smaller than the Guaranteed Group Size. How should we apply?

If you hunt in a party it usually makes sense to apply as a group.

Even if you do not have enough Pool 1 members to guarantee a validation tag – or if there is no Guaranteed Group Size for your WMU – by applying as a group you will be in the draw at two tag allocation steps: the Large Group Allocation and the Random Allocation. If your party members were to apply as individuals, they would be eligible for the Random Allocation portion of the draw only – missing their chance at the tags allocated to groups meeting the Hunter: Tag Ratio in the Large Group Allocation step of the draw.

All hunters in group applications will have at least the same chance to receive a validation tag that they would have if they applied as individual applicants.

Do individual hunters have a chance for a validation tag?

Big game in Ontario has traditionally been hunted by groups of hunters for social, cultural and practical reasons. Ontario's moose tag allocation system is designed to allow this traditional harvest method to continue, and permit the greatest number of hunters to benefit.

While it makes sense to apply as part of a group if you hunt in a party, individuals may also apply for a validation tag. Individual hunters are eligible for a validation tag in the Random Allocation step of the draw.

Hunting parties who apply as individuals and receive more validation tags than the party wants are not permitted to return tags.

What should I know about bow hunting for moose?

Hunters who wish to hunt adult moose during the archery-only season must have an adult validation tag issued for the archery-only season or party hunt with someone who has such a tag. In WMUs 48, 55A, 55B and 57, hunters who wish to hunt calf moose during the archery-only season must have a calf validation tag issued for the archery-only season or party hunt with someone who has such a validation tag. All validation tags issued for the archery-only season become invalid at the end of the archery-only season.

Hunters without an adult validation tag may hunt for calves with a bow during the archery-only season provided they comply with all other legal requirements for bow hunting. The exceptions to this are WMUs 48, 55A, 55B and 57 where a calf validation tag is required (see page 30), and WMU 65 (see page 46).

If you have not harvested an adult moose during the archery-only season, you may still hunt for a calf (except in WMUs 48, 55A, 55B and 57) using any legally allowed firearm during the regular gun hunt.

A Message From Ontario's Conservation Officers

It is illegal to abandon game or allow it to spoil. If you mistakenly shoot the wrong game, please contact your local Conservation Officer as soon as possible.

1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667)

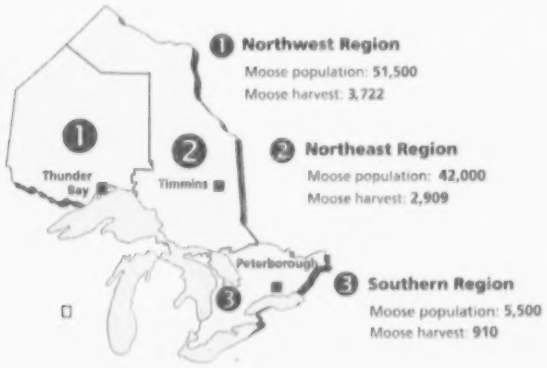
Moose Hunter Questionnaire Survey Results

Every year a sample of moose hunters is asked to return a hunter assessment survey. These surveys provide valuable information used by the Ministry of Natural Resources to manage moose populations. Your field experience is important to us – please tell us about it by completing and returning your survey as soon as your hunt is over.

Here are some of the things we learned from resident moose hunters in the 2004 survey:

- About 93,000 resident hunters hunted for moose.
- Almost 7,550 moose were harvested in total (3,785 bulls; 1,452 cows; 2,302 calves).

Ontario's current moose population in huntable areas is estimated to be about 99,000 moose. About 15,000 more moose live in remote and protected areas.



Wildlife managers rely on the valuable information you provide.

Thank you for your co-operation!

A Message From Ontario's Conservation Officers

Tips on how to gain access to and use of private property:

Always ask for permission before entering private land

Plan ahead and get permission from the landowner well in advance of your trip

Don't assume you have permission this year just because you had permission last year

Ask the landowner what activities are permitted on their property

Do not use off-road vehicles, camp, damage vegetation, construct a permanent structure (tree stands, blinds or platforms) or store personal property on their land without permission

Ask the landowner where certain activities are allowed to avoid disturbing the landowner's neighbours, pets or other animals such as livestock

Ask about any other special concerns – if the landowner's family is likely to be in the woods or fields and where the property boundaries are located

Be sure to thank the landowner

Understanding the Moose Validation Tag Draw

It is to each hunter's advantage to understand how moose validation tags are allocated.

Though the process is often referred to as a draw, there are actually many draws performed in the allocation of tags.

Some units have both a gun season quota and an archery season quota. In these units, separate draws are run for bull gun, bull archery, cow gun, and cow archery validation tags. These WMUs include: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7B, 8, 9A, 9B, 11A, 12A, 12B, 13, 14, 15A, 15B, 18A, 19, 21A, 21B, 23, 24, 29 and 38. When hunters apply to the draw in these WMUs, they must select the corresponding Hunt Code if applying by telephone. If applying by paper application, they must check the Special Bow Season Preference box on the application if they want an archery season validation tag. WMUs 7A and 18B each have a combined archery/muzzle-loader quota.

Other units have both an archery season and a gun season for moose, but only one tag quota for bulls and one tag quota for cows. Included in this group of WMUs are: 22, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 36, 37, 39, 40, 41, and 42. When hunters apply to the draw in these WMUs they must select the corresponding Hunt Code if applying by telephone. If applying by paper application, they must check the Special Bow Season Preference box on the application if they want an archery season validation tag. Like other archery season validation tags, these tags are only valid during the archery-only season.

In most WMUs you must be in Pool 1 to have a chance of receiving a validation tag.

During the initial group allocation stages, it is only Pool 1 hunters who are counted when determining a group's size.

There are three steps in each draw

- The Guaranteed Group Allocation
- The Large Group Allocation
- The Random Allocation.

All steps are performed by computer. The computer allocates tags to both groups and individuals in the following sequence:

- Pool 1, Choice 1 (P1C1)
- Pool 1, Choice 2 (P1C2)
- Pool 2, Choice 1 (P2C1)
- Pool 2, Choice 2 (P2C2)

Step One: Guaranteed Group Allocation

In Step One, each group meeting the Guaranteed Group Size requirement (valid applications from a group with enough Pool 1 hunters to meet or exceed the Pool 1, Choice 1 Guaranteed Group Size) and who makes this their first choice, is allocated one tag for the unit, type of moose (bull, cow, calf) and type of firearm selected by the group. The validation tag is randomly assigned to a Pool 1 member of the group and another Pool 1 hunter is designated as the alternate. All the members of these "guaranteed groups" are then removed from the draw.

Step Two: Large Group Allocation

Next, the Large Group Allocation of validation tags is performed.

At this step, the computer calculates the number of applicants left in the draw and compares it to the number of validation tags still available. The ratio is called the Hunter: Tag Ratio. Each group whose number of Pool 1 applicants is equal to or greater than the Hunter: Tag Ratio is issued one validation tag. The tag is randomly assigned to a Pool 1 member of the group and another Pool 1 hunter is designated as the alternate. (Example: If at the Large Group Allocation stage there are 600 hunters left, and 104 tags available, the Hunter: Tag Ratio is 5.7. All groups with six or more Pool 1 hunters will be issued a tag.) All members of these successful "large groups" are then removed from the draw.

Step Three: Random Allocation

Next, the draw proceeds to the Random Allocation.

At this step, all remaining Pool 1 applicants (all individuals and every member of the remaining groups) who have this WMU and type of moose (bull, cow, calf) as their first choice, are eligible to receive one of the remaining tags in a random draw. If a validation tag is allocated to a member of a group at this stage, the rest of the group members are removed from the draw.

If there are still validation tags available, the Large Group Allocation and the Random Allocation are repeated for Pool 1, Choice 2 hunters, then Pool 2, Choice 1 and Pool 2, Choice 2.

In most WMUs, only hunters in Pool 1, Choice 1 will have a chance to receive a validation tag. The Guaranteed Group Allocation is performed only for Pool 1, Choice 1 applicants.

In northern Ontario WMUs, there is an additional draw in the distribution of validation tags called Northern Resident Moose Validation Tag Draw. See page 30 for details.

How to Maximize Your Chances of Success in the Moose Tag Draw

Review the open season dates table, the moose quota table, and if you are hunting in a group, the Guaranteed Group Size table. Using this information, determine your first and second choices of WMU, type of animal (bull, cow, or in the case of WMUs 48, 55A, 55B or 57, bull, cow or calf) and firearm type. If hunting in a group, contact all group members and decide whether you will all apply by telephone, or if you will all apply by paper application. (All group members must use the same method.) Choose one method only – you will be disqualified if more than one application is submitted in your name.

Applying by Telephone

Use the telephone application system to purchase a moose licence and apply to the draw, in one call. Do not use the telephone application system if you have already purchased a paper moose licence.

Note: You must use a Touch-Tone telephone when applying. Cellular, cordless and radio telephones are not recommended with this system.
If your Outdoors Card has expired, you must renew it before you use the telephone application system. The quickest, most convenient ways to renew are:

- With a call to the toll-free, automated Outdoors Card renewal line at **1-800-288-1155**
- By connecting to the Internet renewal site at *www.outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca*

Once you have successfully completed your renewal by either method, you may proceed immediately to the telephone application system for the moose draw.

For more information on Outdoors Card renewal options, see page 15.

If your Outdoors Card is valid but you have moved since you received it, call the Outdoors Card Centre at 1-800-387-7011 or go on the Internet at: *www.outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca* and provide your current address. This will ensure that you receive your licence (and validation tag if you are successful in the draw).

To purchase a moose licence and apply to the draw, you will need your Outdoors Card number and a VISA, MasterCard or American Express credit card. If you are a Group Leader or an Individual Applicant you must identify your 2006 Hunt Code from the table found on pages 42 and 43 of this summary. If you are a Group Member, you will need the Group Reference Number provided by your Group Leader. Completing the appropriate worksheet before you call is strongly recommended. (Worksheets are found on pages 40-41 of this summary) The charge to your credit card will be $43.00.

If you are applying as a member of a group, decide with your group **before you call** who will be the Group Leader and who will be the Group Members. Then, ensure that all Group Members are told the Group Reference Number (which is provided to the Group Leader) so they can successfully complete their call.

Tips for Planning Your Call

As telephone application systems become more common in the big game draw program, we offer these tips to help hunters identify and take advantage of the times when call volumes are usually lower. Keep these guidelines in mind when planning your call:

- The telephone application system is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, until 11:55 p.m. on the day of the deadline for applications.
- Do not leave your call until the day of the deadline! The earlier in the application period you apply, the easier it will be to connect to the system on your first try.
- Telephone on a weekend, if possible. We often experience lower call volumes on weekends.
- On weekdays, our telephone lines are generally less busy early in the day and late in the day.

The deadline for applying to the moose draw by telephone is **11:55 p.m., (EDT) Wednesday, May 31, 2006.**

Remember, do not apply by telephone if you have already purchased a paper licence or submitted a paper application.

Applying by Paper Application

You must be in possession of a valid hunting version Outdoors Card to purchase a moose licence, and you must have a moose licence in order to apply to the draw with a paper application. If your Outdoors Card has expired, renewing it is the first step in this process. To review your Outdoors Card renewal options, see page 15.

A paper application for the moose draw comes attached to the moose licence. Ensure that the Outdoors Card number imprinted on your application for the moose draw is legible. If any portion of the imprinted number is not clear, write it neatly in the space provided at the top of the application.

Fill out the application form carefully and completely.

Write in a valid WMU and check off a valid type of moose (bull, cow or – for WMUs 48, 55A, 55B and 57 only – bull, cow or calf). If you do not select a WMU and a type of moose, your application will be rejected. If there is an archery season in your WMU as well as a gun season, and you wish to apply for the archery hunt, select the box labeled "Special Bow Season Preference."

You are not required to indicate a second choice on your application if you do not have a second choice.

If you are applying for a Guaranteed Group Size validation tag, be aware of the pool status of each applicant in your group. Only Pool 1 hunters are counted toward the Guaranteed Group Size. Including Pool 2 applicants in your group won't hurt your chances, but it won't help them either.

If you are applying in a group, keep a record of your Group Application Number (found on the outside of the Group Application Envelope provided by the MNR). This number must appear on the application of each person in the group.

The group leader should complete the outside of the Group Application Envelope before mailing. **The information you write on the envelope overrides any information contained on the paper applications inside the envelope.**

Fifteen is the maximum group size for a draw application. Do not include more than 15 applications in the Group Application Envelope. **If you are applying for an archery tag remember to check the appropriate box on the outside of the Group Application Envelope.**

Submit your paper draw application well before the **5:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 31, 2006**, deadline. Remember that the deadline is the date and time by which your application has to be in ServiceOntario/MNR hands. **This deadline is NOT a "post-marked by" date.** Whether an application is delivered by courier, registered mail or through the regular or government mail, please allow at least five working days for its delivery. **All applications not received by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 31, 2006, will be rejected from the draw without exception.**

Remember, do not purchase a paper licence or submit a paper application if you have already applied to the draw by telephone.

You Will Not Qualify For The Draw If:

- More than one application is submitted in your name
- Your Outdoors Card is not valid
- The application is not complete
- The writing is not legible
- The application is received late
- Your hunting licence privileges are under suspension.

The responsibility for entering a valid application rests with the hunter. If you have any questions about applying to the moose draw, contact an MNR office (see page 96).

Draw Results Telephone Line

Draw applicants may call the toll-free Draw Results Telephone Line at 1-800-288-1155 to determine the results of the Moose Validation Tag Draw. This automated line runs 24 hours a day, seven days a week from August 1 until December 31. Hunters will need their 15-digit Outdoors Card number to access their draw record. Using the Draw Results Telephone Line is the quickest, easiest way to find out if you were successful in the draw.

The Mailing of Validation Tags

Only draw applicants successful in the regular draw, and those hunters who used the telephone application system to purchase their moose licence, will be notified by mail. If you have called the Draw Results Telephone Line and you were successful in the regular draw but have not received your validation tag by September 1 (or if you purchased your licence by telephone, and you have not received your licence), contact the MNR office which serves your area. You can get a duplicate validation tag or licence and validation tag through a ServiceOntario office only after signing a declaration and verifying your address information. There may be a charge for this service. After the season starts, duplicate tags will be issued only at the discretion of the ministry.

Draw applicants successful in the northern resident draw will be required to complete an Application to Receive an Adult Moose Validation Tag from the Northern Resident Draw. This application must be returned to a ServiceOntario office or mailed to the address indicated. The recipient will then be mailed the northern resident validation tag.

Everything You Wanted to Know about Moose Validation Tag Transfers

- Hunters who apply to the draw as individuals are never permitted to transfer validation tags to other hunters.
- Groups are permitted one transfer only. The transfer is granted only to the alternate tag transfer recipient in your group who was randomly selected by the computer during the draw. Once the original validation tag recipient transfers the tag to the alternate, the tag cannot be transferred back to the original recipient or to anyone else.
- The transfer of a validation tag from the original recipient to the designated alternate is granted by a ServiceOntario office provided a valid transfer application is submitted, the original tag is returned to ServiceOntario at the time of the request, and the moose season has not yet opened. The fee for transferring a tag is $10.00.
- To determine who the designated alternate validation tag transfer recipient is for your group, look at the lower half of your validation tag. Inside the brackets ([ ]) it will show the moose licence number of another Pool 1 member in your group. This moose licence number belongs to your group's designated alternate tag transfer recipient selected randomly by the computer.
- Validation tags can be transferred to a Pool 2 hunter only if the tag is for a WMU where a Pool 2 hunter actually had a chance to receive a tag in the draw.
- After the season opens, a validation tag can only be transferred if the current tag holder is medically unfit to participate in the hunt, as proven by a doctor's certificate.
- Hunters who receive adult validation tags through a transfer will be placed in Pool 2 the following year. Most hunters who have transferred tags to another group member will be placed in Pool 1 in the following year's draw. However, hunters who have transferred validation tags in two consecutive seasons will be placed in Pool 2 for the following year's draw. This means that if a hunter transferred a tag last year (2005), and if successful this year (2006) wants to transfer again, he/she will be placed in Pool 2 for the 2007 draw. This change was made as a result of an increasing number of hunters repeatedly transferring validation tags. As before, the recipient will be placed in Pool 2.

2006 Telephone Application System for the Moose Validation Tag Draw

INSTRUCTION SHEET

What type of applicant are you?

To use the telephone application system, applicants must decide how they will be applying to the draw prior to calling. **When applying for a tag as a group, all hunters in the group must purchase their moose licence and apply to the draw using the same method – either everyone applies by telephone or everyone applies by paper.**

The telephone application system recognizes three types of applicants:

- **Group Leader**
- **Group Member**
- **Individual**

If you hunt in a party it is to your members' advantage to apply as a group rather than as individuals. **The maximum number of hunters that can apply to the draw as one group is 15 (14 plus the leader).** When applying as part of a group, hunters will have to decide who the Group Leader is and who the Group Members are, prior to calling.

Group Leader

The Group Leader must be the first member of the group to apply through the telephone application system. The Group Leader is the only member of a group who enters the Hunt Code representing the group's choice of WMU, type of moose, and firearm (see the table of valid Hunt Codes on pages 42 and 43). The Group Leader is then provided with a Group Reference Number to identify the group and its choices. The Group Leader must give the Group Reference Number to the Group Members so they may add their names to the group's application when they phone in.

Group Member

Each Group Member must obtain the Group Reference Number from the Group Leader before calling to enter the draw. Only your Group Leader can give you the Group Reference Number. During the call each Group Member will be asked for the Group Reference Number so the group can be identified and linked together for their application to the draw. Each Group Member will be given an Authorization Number.

Individual

Individuals must enter the Hunt Code representing their choice of WMU, type of moose, and firearm (see the table of valid Hunt Codes on pages 42 and 43). Each individual applicant will be given an Authorization Number.

All applicants are encouraged to record the information they will need on the worksheet for the type of applicant they are, **before they call.**

Please Note: Hunt Codes may differ from year to year; be sure to use the 2006 Hunt Codes Table when applying to the 2006 moose validation tag draw.

GROUP LEADER

The instructions and worksheet provided below will assist you with the telephone application process. **Fill in the worksheet spaces before you call,** and keep the worksheet in front of you during the call so you can record your Group Reference Number. **Before the call** you need to record your Outdoors Card Number, choice(s) of Hunt Code, and credit card number and expiry date. Hunt Codes are found in the 2006 Moose Draw Hunt Codes Table on pages 42 and 43.

STEP 1 Contact the members of your group (maximum group size is 14 plus the leader) to ensure they know you are the Group Leader.

STEP 2 Call **1-800-288-1155** between **April 25 and May 31, 2006.** This telephone line operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until 11:55 p.m. (EDT), May 31. (We recommend that you call early in the application period. Do not wait until the last day.) When the system prompts you, choose the Moose Draw option.

STEP 3 At the prompt, choose the option to apply as part of a group, and at the next prompt, choose the Group Leader option.

STEP 4 After the prompt, enter your 15-digit (hunting version) Outdoors Card Number.

Your Outdoors Card Number is:

7 0 8 1 5 8 ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

STEP 5 After the prompts, enter your first choice Hunt Code, and second choice Hunt Code (if you have one).

PLEASE NOTE: The responsibility for correctly entering the Hunt Code(s) rests solely with the applicant. Listen to your choice(s) carefully before confirming them.

	WMU	Type	Firearm	Hunt Code
First Choice				
Second Choice				

STEP 6 Enter your **VISA, MasterCard,** or **American Express number:**

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STEP 7 Enter the 4-digit expiry date from your credit card.

expiry date: ☐☐ / ☐☐
month year

STEP 8 Stay on the line while the system authorizes your credit card number, and provides you with a 7-digit Group Reference Number. Record this number in the space below.

Group Reference Number: ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

STEP 9 Stay on the line to confirm your postal code to ensure that you receive your moose licence and game seal when they are mailed to you, **and to receive confirmation that your application has been entered in the draw.** At the end of the call you will be told your pool status.

Pool Status: ☐

If your postal code is not correct, call the Outdoors Card Centre as soon as possible during regular business hours (1-800-387-7011) to update your address. Your address may also be updated 24 hours a day at: *www.outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca*

STEP 10 As the last step, contact your Group Members and give them your 7-digit Group Reference Number so that they may call in and add their names to the group's application.

Keep this worksheet for your files.

GROUP MEMBER

To use this worksheet, ensure you are a Group Member and not a Group Leader or an Individual Applicant. If you are the first member of your group to apply to the draw by telephone, then you are considered to be the Group Leader and should refer to those instructions before calling.

The instructions and worksheet provided below will assist you with the telephone application process. **Fill in the worksheet spaces before you call**, and keep the worksheet in front of you during the call so you can record your Authorization Number. **Before the call** you need to record your Group Reference Number (provided by your Group Leader), your Outdoors Card Number, and credit card number and expiry date.

STEP 1 Call **1-800-288-1155** between **April 25 and May 31, 2006.** This telephone line operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until 11:55 p.m. (EDT), May 31. (We recommend that you call early in the application period. Do not wait until the last day.) When the system prompts you, choose the Moose Draw option.

STEP 2 When the system prompts you, choose the option to apply as part of a group, and at the next prompt, choose the Group Member option.

STEP 3 After the prompt, enter your 7-digit Group Reference Number.

Group Reference Number: ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

STEP 4 After the prompt, enter your 15-digit (hunting version) Outdoors Card Number.

Your Outdoors Card Number is:

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STEP 5 A recording will tell you your group's Hunt Code, WMU, type of moose, and firearm choice(s) as selected by your Group Leader.

STEP 6 Enter your **VISA, MasterCard, or American Express number:**

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STEP 7 Enter the 4-digit expiry date from your credit card.

expiry date: ☐☐ / ☐☐
month year

STEP 8 Stay on the line while the system authorizes your credit card number. Record the Authorization Number in the space provided below.

Authorization number: ☐☐☐☐☐☐

STEP 9 Stay on the line to confirm your postal code to ensure that you receive your moose licence and game seal when they are mailed to you, **and to receive confirmation that your application has been entered in the draw.** At the end of the call you will be told your pool status and the number of people who have applied to your group (including yourself). This number may include both Pool 1 and Pool 2 applicants.

Pool Status: ☐

If your postal code is not correct, call the Outdoors Card Centre as soon as possible during regular business hours (1-800-387-7011) to update your address. Your address may also be updated 24 hours a day at: *www.outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca*

Keep this worksheet for your files.

INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT

The instructions and worksheet provided below will assist you with the telephone application process. **Fill in the worksheet spaces before you call**, and keep the worksheet in front of you during the call so you can record your Authorization Number. Before the call you need to record your Outdoors Card Number, choice(s) of Hunt Code, and credit card number and expiry date. Hunt Codes are found in the 2006 Moose Draw Hunt Codes Table on pages 42 and 43.

STEP 1 Call **1-800-288-1155** between **April 25 and May 31, 2006.** This telephone line operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until 11:55 p.m. (EDT), May 31. (We recommend that you call early in the application period. Do not wait until the last day.) When the system prompts you, choose the Moose Draw option.

STEP 2 When the system prompts you, choose the option to apply as an individual.

STEP 3 After the prompt, enter your 15-digit (hunting version) Outdoors Card Number.

Your Outdoors Card Number is:

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STEP 4 After the prompts, enter your first choice Hunt Code, and second choice Hunt Code (if you have one).

PLEASE NOTE: The responsibility for correctly entering the Hunt Code(s) rests solely with the applicant. Listen to your choice(s) carefully before confirming them.

	WMU	Type	Firearm	Hunt Code
First Choice				
Second Choice				

STEP 5 Enter your **VISA, MasterCard, or American Express number:**

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STEP 6 Enter the 4-digit expiry date from your credit card.

expiry date: ☐☐ / ☐☐
month year

STEP 7 Stay on the line while the system authorizes your credit card number, and provides you with your Authorization Number. Record this number in the space provided below.

Authorization Number: ☐☐☐☐☐☐

STEP 8 **Stay on the line** to confirm your postal code to ensure that you receive your moose licence and game seal when they are mailed to you, **and to receive confirmation that your application has been entered in the draw.** At the end of the call you will be told your pool status.

Pool Status: ☐

If your postal code is not correct, call the Outdoors Card Centre as soon as possible during regular business hours (1-800-387-7011) to update your address. Your address may also be updated 24 hours a day at: *www.outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca*

Keep this worksheet for your files.

2006 MOOSE DRAW HUNT CODES

Select the Hunt Code for your WMU, Typ

WMU	Type	Firearm	Hunt Code	Season Dates
01A	Bull	Gun	500	Sept. 16 to Dec. 15
01A	Cow	Gun	501	Sept. 16 to Dec. 15
01C	Bull	Gun	502	Sept. 16 to Dec. 15
01C	Cow	Gun	503	Sept. 16 to Dec. 15
01D	Bull	Gun	504	Sept. 16 to Dec. 15
01D	Cow	Gun	505	Sept. 16 to Dec. 15
02	Bull	Gun	506	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15
02	Cow	Gun	507	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15
02	Bull	Archery	508	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
03	Bull	Gun	509	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15
03	Cow	Gun	510	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15
03	Bull	Archery	511	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
03	Cow	Archery	512	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
04	Bull	Gun	513	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15
04	Cow	Gun	514	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15
04	Bull	Archery	515	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
04	Cow	Archery	516	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
05	Bull	Gun	517	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15
05	Cow	Gun	518	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15
05	Bull	Archery	519	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
05	Cow	Archery	520	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
06	Bull	Gun	521	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15
06	Cow	Gun	522	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15
06	Bull	Archery	523	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
07A	Bull	Archery & Muzzleloader	524	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15
07A	Cow	Archery & Muzzleloader	525	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15
07B	Bull	Gun	526	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15
07B	Cow	Gun	527	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15
07B	Bull	Archery	528	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
08	Bull	Gun	529	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15
08	Cow	Gun	530	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15
08	Bull	Archery	531	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
08	Cow	Archery	532	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
09A	Bull	Gun	533	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15
09A	Cow	Gun	534	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15
09A	Bull	Archery	535	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
09A	Cow	Archery	536	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
09B	Bull	Gun	537	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15
09B	Cow	Gun	538	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15
09B	Bull	Archery	539	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
09B	Cow	Archery	540	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
11A	Bull	Gun	541	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15
11A	Cow	Gun	542	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15
11A	Bull	Archery	543	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
11A	Cow	Archery	544	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
11B	Bull	Gun	545	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15
11B	Cow	Gun	546	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15
11B	Bull	Archery	547	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6 [***]
11B	Cow	Archery	548	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6 [***]
12A	Bull	Gun	549	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15
12A	Cow	Gun	550	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15
12A	Bull	Archery	551	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
12A	Cow	Archery	552	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
12B	Bull	Gun	553	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15
12B	Cow	Gun	554	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15
12B	Bull	Archery	555	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
12B	Cow	Archery	556	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
13	Bull	Gun	557	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15
13	Cow	Gun	558	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15
13	Bull	Archery	559	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
13	Cow	Archery	560	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
14	Bull	Gun	561	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15
14	Cow	Gun	562	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15
14	Bull	Archery	563	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
14	Cow	Archery	564	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
15A	Bull	Gun	565	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15
15A	Cow	Gun	566	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15
15A	Bull	Archery	567	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
15A	Cow	Archery	568	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
15B	Bull	Gun	569	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15
15B	Cow	Gun	570	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15
15B	Bull	Archery	571	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
15B	Cow	Archery	572	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
16A	Bull	Gun	573	Sept. 16 to Dec. 15
16A	Cow	Gun	574	Sept. 16 to Dec. 15
16B	Bull	Gun	575	Sept. 16 to Dec. 15
16B	Cow	Gun	576	Sept. 16 to Dec. 15
16C	Bull	Gun	577	Sept. 16 to Dec. 15
16C	Cow	Gun	578	Sept. 16 to Dec. 15
17	Bull	Gun	579	Sept. 16 to Dec. 15
17	Cow	Gun	580	Sept. 16 to Dec. 15
18A	Bull	Gun	581	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15
18A	Cow	Gun	582	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15
18A	Bull	Archery	583	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
18A	Cow	Archery	584	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
18B	Bull	Gun	585	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15
18B	Cow	Gun	586	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15
18B	Bull	Archery & Muzzleloader	587	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
18B	Cow	Archery & Muzzleloader	588	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
19	Bull	Gun	589	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15
19	Cow	Gun	590	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15
19	Bull	Archery	591	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
19	Cow	Archery	592	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
21A	Bull	Gun	593	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15
21A	Cow	Gun	594	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15
21A	Bull	Archery	595	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
21A	Cow	Archery	596	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
21B	Bull	Gun	597	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15
21B	Cow	Gun	598	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15
21B	Bull	Archery	599	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
21B	Cow	Archery	600	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
22	Bull	Gun	601	Oct. 7 to Nov. 15
22	Cow	Gun	602	Oct. 7 to Nov. 15
22	Bull	Archery	603	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
22	Cow	Archery	604	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
23	Bull	Gun	605	Oct. 7 to Nov. 15
23	Cow	Gun	606	Oct. 7 to Nov. 15
23	Bull	Archery	607	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
23	Cow	Archery	608	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
24	Bull	Gun	609	Oct. 7 to Nov. 15
24	Cow	Gun	610	Oct. 7 to Nov. 15
24	Bull	Archery	611	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
24	Cow	Archery	612	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
25	Bull	Gun	613	Sept. 16 to Dec. 15
25	Cow	Gun	614	Sept. 16 to Dec. 15

FOR HUNTERS APPLYING BY TELEPHONE

and Firearm from the table below

WMU	Type	Firearm	Hunt Code	Season Dates
26	Bull	Gun	615	Sept. 16 to Oct. 31
26	Cow	Gun	616	Sept. 16 to Oct. 31
27	Bull	Gun	617	Oct. 7 to Nov. 15
27	Cow	Gun	618	Oct. 7 to Nov. 15
27	Bull	Archery	619	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
27	Cow	Archery	620	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
28	Bull	Gun	621	Oct. 7 to Nov. 15
28	Cow	Gun	622	Oct. 7 to Nov. 15
28	Bull	Archery	623	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
28	Cow	Archery	624	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
29	Bull	Gun	625	Oct. 7 to Nov. 15
29	Cow	Gun	626	Oct. 7 to Nov. 15
29	Bull	Archery	627	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
29	Cow	Archery	628	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
30	Bull	Gun	629	Oct. 7 to Nov. 15
30	Cow	Gun	630	Oct. 7 to Nov. 15
30	Bull	Archery	631	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
30	Cow	Archery	632	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
31	Bull	Gun	633	Oct. 7 to Nov. 15
31	Cow	Gun	634	Oct. 7 to Nov. 15
31	Bull	Archery	635	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
31	Cow	Archery	636	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
32	Bull	Gun	637	Oct. 7 to Nov. 15
32	Cow	Gun	638	Oct. 7 to Nov. 15
32	Bull	Archery	639	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
32	Cow	Archery	640	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
33	Bull	Gun	641	Oct. 7 to Nov. 15
33	Cow	Gun	642	Oct. 7 to Nov. 15
33	Bull	Archery	643	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
33	Cow	Archery	644	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
34	Bull	Gun	645	Oct. 7 to Nov. 15
34	Cow	Gun	646	Oct. 7 to Nov. 15
35	Bull	Gun	647	Oct. 7 to Nov. 15
35	Cow	Gun	648	Oct. 7 to Nov. 15
35	Bull	Archery	649	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
35	Cow	Archery	650	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
36	Bull	Gun	651	Oct. 7 to Nov. 15
36	Cow	Gun	652	Oct. 7 to Nov. 15
36	Bull	Archery	653	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
36	Cow	Archery	654	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
37	Bull	Gun	655	Oct. 7 to Nov. 15
37	Cow	Gun	656	Oct. 7 to Nov. 15
37	Bull	Archery	657	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
37	Cow	Archery	658	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
38	Bull	Gun	659	Oct. 7 to Nov. 15
38	Cow	Gun	660	Oct. 7 to Nov. 15
38	Bull	Archery	661	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
38	Cow	Archery	662	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
39	Bull	Gun	663	Oct. 7 to Nov. 15
39	Cow	Gun	664	Oct. 7 to Nov. 15
39	Bull	Archery	665	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
39	Cow	Archery	666	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
40	Bull	Gun	667	Oct. 7 to Nov. 15
40	Cow	Gun	668	Oct. 7 to Nov. 15
40	Bull	Archery	669	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
40	Cow	Archery	670	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
41	Bull	Gun	671	Oct. 7 to Nov. 15
41	Cow	Gun	672	Oct. 7 to Nov. 15
41	Bull	Archery	673	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
41	Cow	Archery	674	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
42	Bull	Gun	675	Oct. 7 to Nov. 15
42	Cow	Gun	676	Oct. 7 to Nov. 15
42	Bull	Archery	677	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
42	Cow	Archery	678	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
46	Bull	Gun	679	Oct. 16 to Oct. 21
46	Cow	Gun	680	Oct. 16 to Oct. 21
47	Bull	Gun	681	Oct. 16 to Oct. 21
47	Cow	Gun	682	Oct. 16 to Oct. 21
48	Bull	Gun	683	Oct. 16 to Oct. 21
48	Cow	Gun	684	Oct. 16 to Oct. 21
48	Calf	Gun	685	Oct. 16 to Oct. 21
48	Bull	Archery	686	Oct. 2 to Oct. 7
48	Cow	Archery	687	Oct. 2 to Oct. 7
48	Calf	Archery	688	Oct. 2 to Oct. 7
49	Bull	Gun	689	Oct. 16 to Oct. 21
49	Cow	Gun	690	Oct. 16 to Oct. 21
50	Bull	Gun	691	Oct. 16 to Oct. 21
50	Cow	Gun	692	Oct. 16 to Oct. 21
53	Bull	Gun	693	Oct. 16 to Oct. 21
53	Cow	Gun	694	Oct. 16 to Oct. 21
54	Bull	Gun	695	Oct. 16 to Oct. 21
54	Cow	Gun	696	Oct. 16 to Oct. 21
55A	Bull	Gun	697	Oct. 16 to Oct. 21
55A	Cow	Gun	698	Oct. 16 to Oct. 21
55A	Calf	Gun	699	Oct. 16 to Oct. 21
55A	Bull	Archery	700	Oct. 2 to Oct. 7
55A	Calf	Archery	701	Oct. 2 to Oct. 7
55B	Cow	Gun	702	Oct. 16 to Oct. 21
55B	Calf	Gun	703	Oct. 16 to Oct. 21
55B	Bull	Archery	704	Oct. 2 to Oct. 7
56	Bull	Gun	705	Oct. 16 to Oct. 21
56	Cow	Gun	706	Oct. 16 to Oct. 21
57	Bull	Gun	707	Oct. 16 to Oct. 21
57	Cow	Gun	708	Oct. 16 to Oct. 21
57	Calf	Gun	709	Oct. 16 to Oct. 21
57	Bull	Archery	710	Oct. 2 to Oct. 7
57	Calf	Archery	711	Oct. 2 to Oct. 7
60	Bull	Gun	712	Oct. 16 to Oct. 21
60	Cow	Gun	713	Oct. 16 to Oct. 21
61	Bull	Gun	714	Oct. 16 to Oct. 21
61	Cow	Gun	715	Oct. 16 to Oct. 21
62	Bull	Gun	716	Oct. 16 to Oct. 21
63	Bull	Gun	717	Oct. 16 to Oct. 21
63	Cow	Gun	718	Oct. 16 to Oct. 21
65	Bull	Archery	719	Oct. 8 to Oct. 14 [*][**]
65	Cow	Archery	720	Oct. 8 to Oct. 14 [*][**]

[*] Please refer to page 44 for information about an early season for hunters with lower limb disability

[**] Only individual applications accepted

[***] Should the pending season not be approved prior to the draw (see page 5), 118 archery applications will be included in the regular gun season draw.

Firearm

Gun = Rifles, Shotguns, Archery, & Muzzle-loaders

Archery = Archery only, including Crossbows

Archery & Muzzle-loaders = Archery, including Crossbows & Muzzle-loaders

Special Opportunities for Moose Hunters With Lower Limb Disabilities

While hunters with disabilities may apply for a moose validation tag in any WMU, there are two WMUs that offer seasons specifically for resident moose hunters with lower limb disabilities. Hunters who qualify for these special seasons are:

- A paraplegic or hemiplegic
- A person with a single (above the knee) lower limb amputation, or a double (below the waist) amputation
- A person who suffers severe disability and cannot hunt without the use of a wheelchair or similar means of locomotion. In this case, the hunter must provide a medical certificate stating the disability.

Hunters wishing to take part in these hunts must apply to the regular draw for a validation tag; there is no separate tag quota. Lower-limb disabled hunters have the same odds of receiving an adult moose validation tag in these WMUs as any other hunter.

Northwestern Ontario

A special moose season for hunters who qualify in one of the categories of mobility impairment listed above will be held before the regular gun hunt in WMU 11B. A limited number of opportunities are available in 2006. Those hunters wishing to hunt for an adult moose in this WMU during this special season must apply to the regular draw for a validation tag.

The first openings in the hunt will go to hunters who qualify and hold an adult moose validation tag for WMU 11B. Remaining opportunities will be available to hunters who qualify and who are interested in hunting calves.

For more information regarding this hunt, please contact the MNR Thunder Bay District Office, 435 James Street South, Suite B001, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7E 6S8, telephone: (807) 475-1462.

Southeastern Ontario

A special archery-only moose hunt for hunters who qualify in one of the categories of mobility impairment listed above will be held October 5-7, 2006, in WMU 65.

Hunters wishing to participate in this special hunt must apply to the regular draw and receive a validation tag in WMU 65. Mobility impaired moose hunters will be able to participate in the early mobility impaired season (October 5-7) as well as the regular archery hunt which follows (October 8-14).

For more information, please see "Special Conditions for WMU 65 Moose Hunters" on page 46. **If you have questions, please contact the MNR Kemptville District Office, at Postal Bag 2002, 10 Campus Drive, Kemptville, Ontario, K0G 1J0, or telephone (613) 258-8204.**

Information for Non-Residents Wishing to Hunt Moose

A non-resident who wishes to hunt moose in Ontario must have valid hunting accreditation and be a registered guest and actually accommodated at a tourist establishment. The outfitter must apply for and receive, on the non-resident's behalf, a validation tag to hunt moose (see exceptions below).

A non-resident's licence to hunt moose is only valid if it has a bull, cow or calf validation tag affixed to it. The non-resident can hunt only moose of the age and sex specified on the validation tag.

A non-resident may hunt in a party for moose when hunting in a Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) that is specified on the validation tag and that has a non-resident season. The party hunting must be carried out in accordance with the definition of party hunting (see page 95).

Please note that WMUs 46-63 and 65 do not have a moose season for non-residents.

Exceptions to requirement to hunt through an outfitter:

- Non-residents may hunt with an immediate relative who is an Ontario resident licensed to hunt moose in a WMU that has an open season for non-residents. Immediate relative when used in reference to a person, means that person's grandparent, parent, spouse, child, sibling or grandchild. If you qualify under this exception, you may apply in the resident moose draw for an adult validation tag. You must purchase a moose licence and submit your application, along with your affidavit verifying your relationship to your immediate relative, to the ServiceOntario office or the MNR office that has responsibility for the WMU in which you wish to hunt (see offices and WMU listings, page 96). Please note that the moose draw deadline is May 31, 2006.
- Non-residents who are owners of land in a WMU that has an open season for non-residents and wish to hunt in that unit, may apply for a calf validation tag from a ServiceOntario office. (Non-resident landowners are not eligible to apply in the resident moose draw for an adult validation tag.) Non-residents who qualify under this exception and wish to apply for a calf validation tag must purchase a moose licence and, prior to the hunt, submit their application along with proof of property ownership to the District MNR office responsible for the WMU.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** Non-resident moose hunters may hunt moose in WMUs 7B, 9B, 11A, 11B, 12B, 13 and 14 only by hunting through a tourist outfitter or by hunting with an immediate relative (as defined above), who is an Ontario resident licensed to hunt moose. Non-resident landowners are not eligible to moose hunt in these units.

SEALING MOOSE

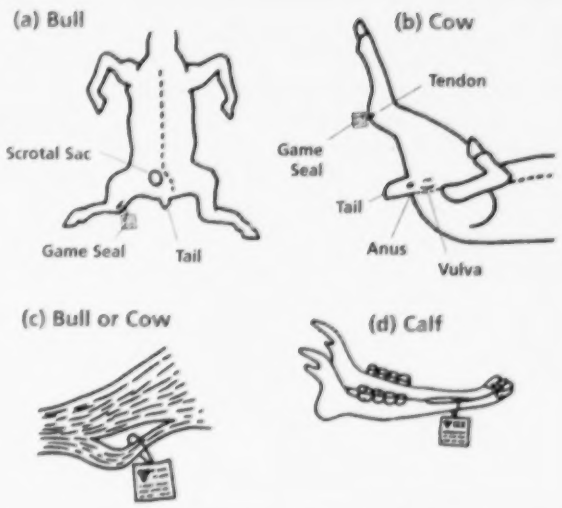
As part of the Selective Harvest Program, validation tags are issued for a specific age and sex of moose. You must have evidence of the sex of any adult moose that you kill.

TO PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF THE SEX OF A MOOSE: Cut to one side of the scrotal sac or vulva when opening the animal for gutting – as shown with the dotted line in illustrations (a) and (b). Leave the scrotal sac or vulva attached by connective tissue.

SEALING A BULL OR COW MOOSE: Attach the game seal to the tendon of the hind leg – illustration (c) – to which the scrotal sac or vulva is attached.

Note the location of the tendon in illustration (b). To prevent the loss or the damage of the game seal (e.g., being torn off) it could be protected by making a slice in the hide, tucking the seal under the skin and wrapping with tape.

SEALING A CALF: Attach the game seal to the lower jaw – illustration (d). For calves taken in most Wildlife Management Units the lower jaw may be removed from the head as long as it is kept whole (i.e., the two sides of the jaw must not be separated). In Wildlife Management Units 48, 55A, 55B and 57 hunters are asked to keep the carcass intact (i.e., do not remove the jaw or head from the carcass) until the calf has been registered at an authorized check station.



Guides

Non-residents must be accompanied by one licensed guide for each two hunters when hunting moose in the Territorial District of Rainy River. Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) in the Territorial District of Rainy River include: 9B, 10, 11A and parts of 7B and 12B.

Moose Hunter Education

MNR, in partnership with the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) has produced two manuals: *Book 1 – Moose Biology, Ecology and Management*, and *Book 2 – Moose Hunting Techniques, Hunting Ethics and the Law*.

This two volume set is available from the OFAH for $13.95 (GST and shipping included). To order please call (705) 748-6324 for details.

A 90-minute video (also available as a DVD) on moose hunting has been produced for moose hunters. *Moose Hunt – A Guide To Success* covers such topics as equipment, tracking, calling, and field dressing. It may be purchased from the OFAH for $59.95 (taxes and shipping included). To order using a credit card, please call the OFAH at (705) 748-6324 or send a cheque payable to:

Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters
P.O. Box 2800
Peterborough, Ontario K9J 8L5

More on Moose

For more important information and regulations on moose hunting, see these pages:

- Special info on hunting calves in WMUs 48, 55A, 55B and 57 30
- Licence fees 31
- Hunter orange clothing 21
- Firearms permitted for moose hunting 31
- Use of dogs 24
- Crown lands 24
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If you have questions about moose hunting in Ontario, call the Ministry of Natural Resources. A complete list of Ministry offices and phone numbers can be found on page 96.

ONTARIO MOOSE IDENTIFICATION GUIDE ON CD-ROM

An Ontario Moose Identification Guide for Hunters is available on CD-ROM. This CD is a self-teaching presentation for use on personal computers. The Guide includes descriptions of the features used to identify the different ages and sexes of moose, as well as distinguish them from Ontario's other big game. The Guide is followed by an interactive quiz to test the user's knowledge of moose identification and reinforce messages about safe and lawful hunting. The CD will help both novice and experienced hunters. English and French versions of the CD are available from selected ServiceOntario offices, or through the Centre for Northern Forest Ecosystem Research in Thunder Bay (call 1-807-343-4000). All proceeds will be used to support Fish and Wildlife Management in Ontario.

HELP THE MINISTRY COLLECT AGE INFORMATION ON MOOSE

Moose hunters in selected areas of the province are encouraged to provide information on the age of their moose at checkstations, some MNR offices and some hide depots in the area of their hunt. Please contact the MNR office in the area you will be hunting to determine if the lower jaw is required, and where and when collection centres are operating.

CADMIUM

The Ministry of Natural Resources recommends that people not eat the liver and kidneys of moose and deer because of the concerns about cadmium levels in these internal organs. For further information, please contact an MNR office.

Special Conditions for WMU 65 Moose Hunters

There are two seasons for hunting moose in WMU 65; both are for archery equipment only.

There is a three-day season (October 5-7) open to mobility impaired persons meeting the definition of disabled as set out in Section 93 of Ontario Regulation 665/98 (see page 44). Mobility impaired hunters holding a validation tag in WMU 65 may use their partner tag during the early mobility impaired season (October 5-7) to invite a partner to hunt with them.

This is followed by a seven-day season (October 8-14) open to all resident hunters who receive a validation tag.

Hunters wishing to hunt any moose (adult or calf) in WMU 65 must apply to the moose draw and be successful in the draw. Applicants successful in the draw will be eligible to receive a partner tag which allows the holder of the validation tag to invite another licensed moose hunter to hunt as a member of the party.

Hunters may hunt alone or in a party of two. Hunters must possess a validation tag (or hunt in a party of two as a partner with someone who has a validation tag) to hunt moose.

Tags will allow for hunting either an adult male or calf moose, or, an adult female or calf moose. The limit is one moose per validation tag.

Only the holder of the validation tag (authorizing the holder to hunt moose) may attach the game seal to a harvested moose. Persons hunting under a partner tag may not seal a harvested moose while hunting in WMU 65.

No person shall use, or be accompanied by, a dog while hunting moose in WMU 65.

Moose hunters hunting on private land (other than their own land) will require the written permission of the landowner on the Landowner Consent form provided by MNR, and must carry that permission on their person when hunting. Please note that Agreement Forests such as Larose Forest are considered private land. Please contact these landowners for permission; some fees may apply.

Every person who receives a validation tag to hunt moose in WMU 65 must complete and return a survey card reporting on their hunting activity within 14 days of the close of the hunt. Failure to comply with this regulation may result in charges and/or disqualification from future hunts.

2005 Moose Validation Tag Draw
Provincial Summary

General Draw Statistics

Total tags available	15,673
Total applicants entered in the draw	101,702
Total successful applicants	14,899

Tags available

Gun Bull	10,182
Gun Cow	3,518
Gun Calf	18
Archery Bull	1,056
Archery Cow	849
Archery Calf	50
Total	15,673

Group Statistics

Total number of hunters in groups	44,987
Total tags issued to groups	8,042
Percentage of groups receiving tags	78%

Individual Statistics

Total number of hunters applying as individuals	55,715
Total tags issued to individuals	6,857
Percentage of individuals receiving tags	12%

Explanation of Tables (pages 49-52)

1 Shows the Guaranteed Group Size for all WMU/tag/season choices where the group size is 15 or fewer (the current group size maximum). Remember that only Pool 1 hunters are counted when determining group size and guaranteed tags are issued only on the first choice.

2-4 Shows the tag quotas for 2005 and the total valid applications for all pools and choices for each WMU and season.

5 Shows the 2006 tag quotas for each WMU season and type choice.

A Message From Ontario's Conservation Officers

Any structures erected by hunters on Crown land are subject to the 21 day camping rule and must be removed within this time period.

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2006 Moose Seasons

Rifles, Shotguns, Archery and Muzzle-loaders

WMU(s)	Resident – Open Season	Non-resident – Open Season	Conditions (Restrictions Only)
1A, 1C, 1D, 16A, 16B, 16C, 17, 25	Sept. 16 to Dec. 15	Sept. 18 to Nov. 15	
2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7B*+, 8, 9A, 9B*+, 11A*+, 11B*, 12A, 12B*+, 13*, 14*, 15A, 15B, 18A, 18B, 19, 21A, 21B	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15	Oct. 9 to Nov. 15	* Non-resident landowners must hunt through a Tourist Outfitter. + Non-residents must hunt with a guide (part 7B and part 12B).
22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42	Oct. 7 to Nov. 15	Oct. 9 to Nov. 15	No hunting of predominantly white-coloured moose (over 50 per cent white) in WMUs 30 and 31.
26	Sept. 16 to Oct. 31	Sept. 18 to Oct. 31	
46, 47, 49, 50, 53, 54, 56, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63	Oct. 16 to Oct. 21	No season	
48, 55A, 55B, 57	Oct. 16 to Oct. 21	No season	See moose calf hunting regulations and reporting requirements on page 30.
11B	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6	No season	Must have lower limb disability (see definition of lower limb disability on page 44). Eligible hunters must obtain a tag through the draw if they wish to hunt adult moose.

Archery and Muzzle-loaders Only

WMU(s)	Resident – Open Season	Non-resident – Open Season	Conditions (Restrictions Only)
7A**	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15	Oct. 9 to Nov. 15	Only archery or flint-lock or percussion cap muzzle-loading guns may be used.
18B**	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6	Only archery or flint-lock or percussion cap muzzle-loading guns may be used.

** Note: To apply for the above archery and muzzle-loader seasons in WMU 7A and 18B, check off the Special Bow Season Preference.

Archery Only

WMU(s)	Resident – Open Season	Non-resident – Open Season	Conditions (Restrictions Only)
2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9A, 12A, 15A, 15B, 18A, 19, 21A, 21B, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6	Only archery may be used. No hunting of predominantly white-coloured moose (over 50 per cent white) in WMUs 30 and 31.
7B+, 9B+, 11A+, 12B+, 13, 14	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6	Only archery may be used. Non-resident landowners must hunt through Tourist outfitter. + Non-resident must hunt with a guide (part 7B and part 12B).
48, 55A, 55B, 57	Oct. 2 to Oct. 7	No season	Only archery may be used. See moose calf hunting regulations and reporting requirements on page 30.

Moose Hunts with Controlled Hunter Numbers*

WMU(s)	Resident – Open Season	Non-resident – Open Season	Conditions (Restrictions Only)
65	Oct. 5 to Oct. 7	No season	Must have lower limb disability (see definition of lower limb disability on page 44). Eligible hunters must obtain a tag through the draw if they wish to hunt moose. Only archery may be used. Written landowner permission required.
65	Oct. 8 to Oct. 14	No season	Only archery may be used. Written landowner permission required.

* All hunters must obtain a WMU 65 validation tag, or be the partner of a hunter who has obtained a WMU 65 validation tag, before they can hunt any moose (adult or calf) in WMU 65. Written landowner permission required.

1 Gun Guaranteed Group Size for 2006*

Note: Maximum group size is 15 hunters

WMU	Pool 1 Choice 1 Group Size Guarantee for 2006			In 2005 all groups of this size and larger were issued tags		
	BULL TAGS	COW TAGS	CALF TAGS	BULL TAGS	COW TAGS	CALF TAGS
1A	2	2		2+	2+	
1C	2	2		2+	2+	
1D	2	2		2+	2+	
2	2	3		2+	3+	
3	3	4		3+	4+	
4	3	4		3+	4+	
5	4	5		4+	4+	
6	2	3		2+	3+	
7B	5	9		3+	6+	
8	4	5		3+	4+	
9A	5	5		6+	12+	
9B	6	3		4+	6+	
11A	4	3		4+	6+	
11B	4	6		4+	4+	
12A	5	7		5+	5+	
12B	5	6		5+	6+	
13	3	4		3+	4+	
14	4	6		3+	11+	
15A	7	5		6+	12+	
15B	3	5		3+	5+	
16A	2	2		2+	2+	
16B	3	4		4+	2+	
16C	2	2		2+	2+	
17	2	2		2+	2+	
18A	4	6		4+	5+	
18B	4	2		4+	5+	
19	8	5		7+	12+	
21A	3	6		5+	5+	
21B	6	6		7+	7+	
22	5	10		8+	5+	
23	14	10		12+	11+	
24	8	9		10+	8+	
25	2	2		2+	2+	
26	13	10		13+	8+	
27	14	9		13+	14+	
28	11	11		10+	8+	
29	none	14		none	10+	
30	14	10		15	11+	
31	none	none		15	11+	
32	12	6		7+	none	
33	10	13		10+	9+	
34	12	10		14+	none	
35	none	none		none	12+	
36	none	none		none	14+	
37	none	10		none	11+	
38	none	none		none	10+	
39	none	14		none	13+	
40	15	none		none	10+	
41	none	none		none	none	
42	none	none		none	none	
46	13	8		8+	none	
47	none	none		none	none	
48	none	none	none	none	none	none
49	none	none		none	14+	
50	8	8		7+	13+	
53	15	none		none	10+	
54	10	11		9+	none	
55A	none	none	none	none	none	none
55B	no quota	none	none	none	none	no quota
56	none	none		none	none	
57	none	none	none	none	none	none
60	none	none		none	none	
61	13	14		10+	12+	
62	15	no quota		14+	no quota	
63	none	none		none	none	

Archery Guaranteed Group Size for 2006*

WMU	Pool 1 Choice 1 Group Size Guarantee for 2006			In 2005 all groups of this size and larger were issued tags		
	BULL TAGS	COW TAGS	CALF TAGS	BULL TAGS	COW TAGS	CALF TAGS
2	2	no quota		2+	no quota	
3	2	2		2+	2+	
4	3	2		3+	2+	
5	3	2		3+	3+	
6	2	no quota		2+	no quota	
7A	2	2		2+	2+	
7B	2	no quota		2+	no quota	
8	3	3		3+	2+	
9A	4	2		4+	2+	
9B	4	2		2+	2+	
11A	3	2		2+	2+	
12A	2	2		2+	2+	
12B	4	2		5+	2+	
13	4	2		3+	2+	
14	2	2		2+	2+	
15A	4	2		5+	2+	
15B	3	2		3+	2+	
18A	2	2		2+	2+	
18B	3	2		4+	2+	
19	2	2		2+	2+	
21A	2	2		3+	2+	
21B	5	2		6+	2+	
22	2	2		5+	2+	
23	4	2		5+	2+	
24	4	2		5+	2+	
29	14	2		9+	2+	
38	14	3		none	2+	
48	none	none	none	none	none	none
55A	none	no quota	none	none	no quota	none
55B	none	no quota	no quota	none	none	no quota
57	none	no quota	none	none	no quota	none
65	no groups	no groups		no groups	no groups	

* Guaranteed Group Sizes for WMUs 1-42 are calculated using 95% of the total quota, with 5% set aside for the 2nd draw for Northern Residents.

2 2005 Adult Moose Tag Draw Gun Quotas and Applications

WMU	Quotas		POOL 1 APPLICATIONS				POOL 2 APPLICATIONS			
	G-BULL	G-COW	Choice 1 G-BULL	Choice 1 G-COW	Choice 2 G-BULL	Choice 2 G-COW	Choice 1 G-BULL	Choice 1 G-COW	Choice 2 G-BULL	Choice 2 G-COW
01A	22	23	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0
01C	270	180	21	15	13	13	77	28	53	49
01D	5	5	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	1
2	130	31	129	51	103	89	101	42	91	60
3	324	98	710	312	474	406	386	135	221	223
4	255	85	552	257	358	323	304	113	163	185
5	435	135	1,198	490	640	798	670	225	316	418
6	188	39	211	82	130	125	213	66	110	136
7A	30	9	5	2	6	1	16	15	12	10
7B	114	21	207	30	89	108	137	31	69	88
8	320	100	781	292	457	526	403	147	214	281
9A	90	25	346	74	231	195	146	51	90	103
9B	55	18	225	31	94	117	92	20	53	63
11A	40	15	127	30	84	67	48	23	42	26
11B	115	35	355	153	243	228	157	71	119	93
12A	110	25	417	143	240	267	166	36	102	94
12B	275	85	1,076	363	609	676	416	128	218	264
13	1,095	315	2,375	1,003	1,407	1,325	1,345	419	688	761
14	29	5	92	23	66	40	46	10	20	24
15A	180	55	868	156	401	407	366	123	197	182
15B	1,230	300	2,577	940	1,633	1,285	1,303	502	775	772
16A	91	32	18	14	20	18	72	25	33	38
16B	85	30	217	74	116	122	100	47	69	63
16C	350	150	106	60	83	84	182	97	127	106
17	138	83	81	39	46	59	107	57	64	69
18A	125	27	370	91	152	189	155	67	64	74
18B	34	20	111	27	55	72	36	17	23	28
19	120	42	722	153	314	398	218	84	134	146
21A	542	135	1,747	669	1,013	1,122	638	273	370	417
21B	450	130	2,144	558	1,015	1,481	641	256	359	478
22	130	70	539	486	390	481	195	98	111	152
23	35	22	388	197	204	304	90	51	64	77
24	120	86	811	611	598	780	304	119	162	212
25	95	50	104	44	70	78	83	60	68	67
26	30	20	308	150	196	209	78	41	47	53
27	80	20	886	130	332	558	235	60	107	170
28	405	190	3,317	1,680	1,885	2,431	1,101	423	493	792
29	82	45	1,150	516	717	917	390	137	232	314
30	109	71	1,223	550	760	925	315	155	205	240
31	115	40	1,343	390	620	925	331	128	176	232
32	101	43	1,061	161	405	535	248	75	102	161
33	40	5	316	41	175	167	74	28	52	48
34	20	5	199	40	97	105	43	12	16	31
35	59	29	957	338	490	706	289	73	154	185
36	30	13	586	161	274	404	206	46	97	136
37	22	12	520	140	239	331	148	43	77	85
38	100	50	1,261	625	830	972	412	155	208	286
39	85	33	1,279	345	553	931	311	111	171	226
40	215	75	2,423	1,365	1,531	1,791	761	205	318	500
41	99	43	2,889	790	1,258	2,085	718	228	337	547
42	83	32	1,835	611	833	1,266	506	169	197	364
46	59	21	571	94	171	331	182	69	76	109
47	76	37	1,790	632	796	1,250	463	154	165	318
48	5	3	261	85	124	133	87	36	57	43
49	104	51	1,599	700	735	1,228	555	200	210	421
50	240	75	1,676	465	857	967	398	177	216	299
53	45	25	512	360	375	399	170	64	97	119
54	160	32	1,249	198	571	529	424	167	244	173
55A	4	3	101	22	44	31	39	14	11	14
55B	1	2	12	27	29	11	15	4	11	7
56	55	14	928	252	386	568	219	54	96	128
57	7	3	123	40	75	62	55	25	48	29
60A	35	21	894	338	404	634	270	115	124	176
61	63	17	586	171	285	303	236	71	108	151
62	10	0	95	0	47	0	56	0	20	0
63	16	7	282	91	109	181	123	34	50	77
65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	10,182	3,518	51,864	18,980	27,559	34,069	18,673	6,711	9,725	12,194

3 2005 Adult Moose Tag Draw Archery Quotas and Applications

WMU	Quotas A-BULL	Quotas A-COW	POOL 1 APPLICATIONS Choice 1 A-BULL	POOL 1 APPLICATIONS Choice 1 A-COW	POOL 1 APPLICATIONS Choice 2 A-BULL	POOL 1 APPLICATIONS Choice 2 A-COW	POOL 2 APPLICATIONS Choice 1 A-BULL	POOL 2 APPLICATIONS Choice 1 A-COW	POOL 2 APPLICATIONS Choice 2 A-BULL	POOL 2 APPLICATIONS Choice 2 A-COW
2	11	0	12	0	4	0	6	0	3	0
3	27	15	50	2	18	6	23	6	15	7
4	12	10	23	1	11	9	19	2	7	14
5	50	5	107	4	53	21	54	7	31	21
6	10	0	11	0	10	0	10	0	4	1
7B	7	0	4	1	4	1	12	2	9	2
8	30	5	65	2	34	14	28	15	16	7
9A	8	2	26	0	18	4	12	3	25	4
9B	15	5	33	0	22	9	26	5	15	6
11A	10	5	28	0	18	2	8	7	7	2
12A	25	10	44	1	31	4	28	14	9	15
12B	20	4	70	3	16	5	22	2	15	6
13	80	45	198	1	90	35	109	22	72	44
14	15	10	3	1	3	0	10	0	6	2
15A	20	10	57	2	26	10	43	4	20	13
15B	67	35	155	12	97	29	99	19	41	34
18A	118	43	56	1	17	6	67	15	31	28
18B	24	22	54	11	35	29	33	22	13	24
19	120	80	214	25	118	52	114	53	52	59
21A	105	118	199	19	71	57	88	51	46	62
21B	45	100	161	8	87	43	79	27	46	35
22	36	20	44	12	36	9	13	7	24	6
23	28	50	102	6	67	14	56	24	24	29
24	48	70	143	14	74	38	82	28	47	36
29	51	113	347	117	210	134	147	70	95	72
38	11	20	103	46	78	45	44	20	28	26
48	13	12	131	34	49	70	61	11	28	41
55A	10	0	24	0	6	0	30	0	6	1
55B	5	10	11	8	7	7	6	6	3	3
57	5	0	22	1	11	1	24	1	13	2
65	30	30	202	89	77	142	108	60	50	77
TOTAL	1,056	849	2,699	421	1,398	796	1,461	503	801	679

4 2005 Calf Moose Tag Draw Gun and Archery Quotas and Applications

WMU	Gun Quota G-CALF	POOL 1 APPLICATIONS Choice 1 G-CALF	POOL 1 APPLICATIONS Choice 2 G-CALF	POOL 2 APPLICATIONS Choice 1 G-CALF	POOL 2 APPLICATIONS Choice 2 G-CALF	Archery Quota A-CALF	POOL 1 APPLICATIONS Choice 1 A-CALF	POOL 1 APPLICATIONS Choice 2 A-CALF	POOL 2 APPLICATIONS Choice 1 A-CALF	POOL 2 APPLICATIONS Choice 2 A-CALF
48	10	139	181	55	60	30	14	39	21	27
55A	5	30	62	17	18	10	2	14	3	9
57	3	9	55	21	26	10	1	14	9	16
TOTAL	18	178	298	93	104	50	17	67	33	52

West Nile Virus

West Nile Virus (WNV) is a disease that may be transferred to humans when they are bitten by a mosquito carrying the virus. Hunters in areas with active mosquito populations should wear long-sleeved shirts and use bug hats or bug repellant to reduce the chance of exposure to this virus.

For additional information call the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care INFOline at 1-800-268-1154 or visit one of two websites:

- Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Questions & Answers: West Nile Virus (WNV) and Wild Game Hunters: *http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/qa/wnv_hunters.htm*
- Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care: *http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/public/pub/pub_menus/ pub_wnv.html*

5 2006 Moose Validation Tag Draw Quotas

Gun Tags Available for 2006

WMU	BULL TAGS	COW TAGS	TOTAL
1A	22	23	45
1C	270	180	450
1D	5	5	10
2	127	27	154
3	324	98	422
4	255	85	340
5	425	130	555
6	188	39	227
7B	60	5	65
8	240	80	320
9A	90	25	115
9B	55	18	73
11A	40	15	55
11B	115	35	150
12A	110	25	135
12B	275	85	360
13	1,095	315	1,410
14	29	5	34
15A	180	55	235
15B	1,230	300	1,530
16A	91	32	123
16B	85	30	115
16C	350	150	500
17	138	83	221
18A	125	27	152
18B	34	20	54
19	120	42	162
21A	822	167	989
21B	450	130	580
22	145	58	203
23	34	24	58
24	134	84	218
25	95	50	145
26	30	20	50
27	80	20	100
28	410	185	595
29	69	48	117
30	109	71	180
31	72	24	96
32	101	43	144
33	40	5	45
34	20	5	25
35	55	24	79
36	30	8	38
37	33	20	53
38	100	50	150
39	80	34	114
40	208	67	275
41	99	43	142
42	74	29	103
46	57	19	76
47	67	34	101

Gun Tags Available for 2006

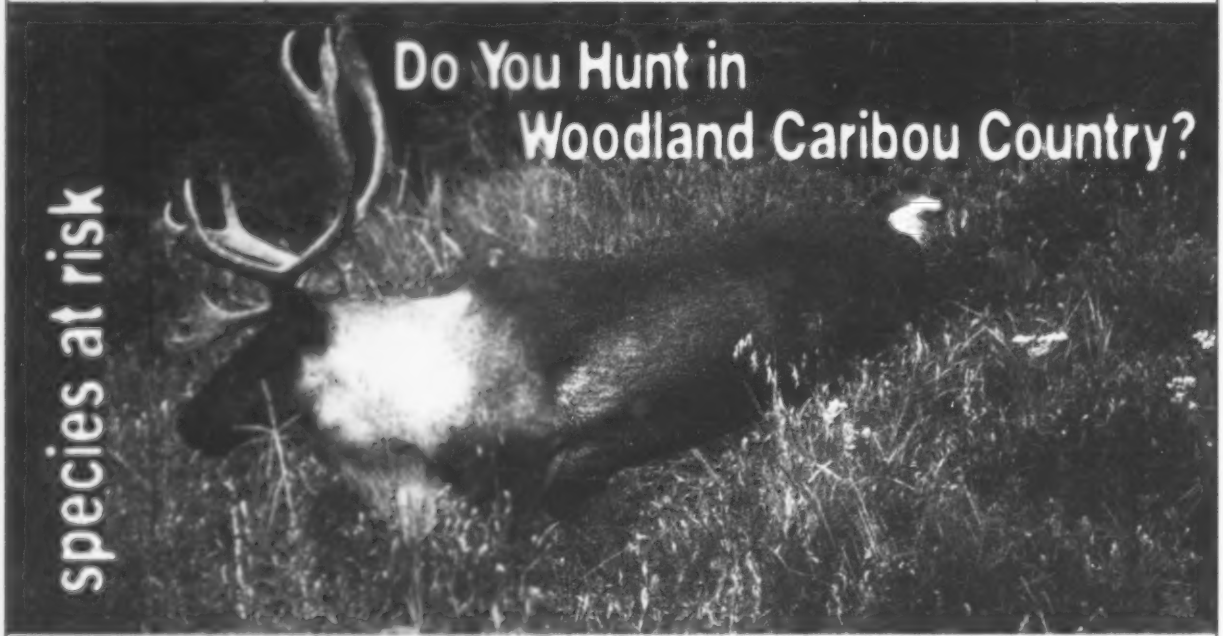
WMU	BULL TAGS	COW TAGS	CALF TAGS	TOTAL
48	9	9	25	43
49	114	45		159
50	240	75		315
53	45	25		70
54	160	32		192
55A	4	3	5	12
55B	0	2	5	7
56	55	14		69
57	7	3	3	13
60	35	21		56
61	63	17		80
62	10	0		10
63	16	7		23
Total	**10,250**	**3,449**	**38**	**13,737**

Archery Tags Available for 2006

WMU	BULL TAGS	COW TAGS	CALF TAGS	TOTAL
2	16	0		16
3	27	30		57
4	12	10		22
5	50	30		80
6	10	0		10
7A	21	5		26
7B	5	0		5
8	25	5		30
9A	8	2		10
9B	15	5		20
11A	10	5		15
12A	25	10		35
12B	20	4		24
13	80	45		125
14	15	10		25
15A	25	10		35
15B	67	35		102
18A	118	43		161
18B	28	22		50
19	120	80		200
21A	128	280		408
21B	45	100		145
22	21	12		33
23	35	50		85
24	48	79		127
29	36	122		158
38	11	20		31
48	12	31	30	73
55A	10	0	10	20
55B	10	0	0	10
57	5	0	10	15
65	30	30		60
Total	**1,088**	**1,075**	**50**	**2,213**

Tentative Moose Season Opening Dates for 2007 and 2008

Season	WMU(s)	2007 Start	2008 Start
Moose Rifle, Shotgun, Archery and Muzzle-loader Seasons	1A, 1C, 1D, 11B, 16A, 16B, 16C, 17, 25, 26	Sept. 15	Sept. 20
Moose Archery and Muzzle-loader Seasons	7A	Oct. 6	Oct. 11
	18B	Sept. 15	Sept. 20
Moose Archery Seasons	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7B, 8, 9A, 9B, 11A, 12A, 12B, 13, 14, 15A, 15B, 18A, 19, 21A, 21B, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42	Sept. 15	Sept. 20
Moose Rifle, Shotgun, Archery and Muzzle-loader Seasons	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7B, 8, 9A, 9B, 11A, 12A, 12B, 13, 14, 15A, 15B, 18A, 18B, 19, 21A, 21B, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42	Oct. 6	Oct.11
Moose Rifle, Shotgun, Archery and Muzzle-loader Seasons	46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 53, 54, 55A, 55B, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63	Oct. 15	Oct. 20
Moose Archery Seasons	48, 55A, 55B, 57	Oct. 1	Oct. 6
Handicapped Moose Hunt Season-Controlled	65	Oct. 5	Oct. 5
Moose Archery Season-Controlled	65	Oct. 8	Oct. 8



If you hunt in the boreal forest region of Ontario, you're in woodland caribou range, and you may have the good fortune of sighting one of these magnificent northern mammals. The woodland caribou is a medium-sized ungulate and is the only member of the deer family in which both the male and the female have antlers.

There is no hunting season for woodland caribou as it is a *species at risk* in Ontario, designated as "Threatened." Today, only about 5,000 woodland caribou roam Ontario's northern forest landscape. Over the last century, the range of the woodland caribou has been receding northward and numbers of caribou have been declining.

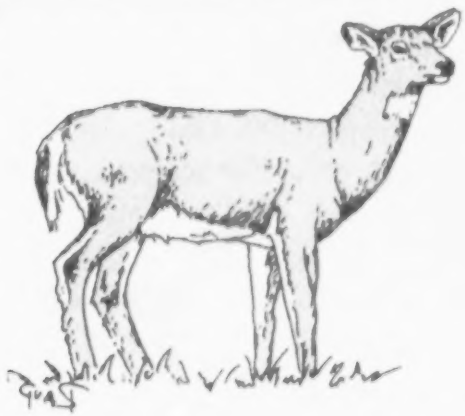
You can help protect this rare and elusive animal by being sure of your target when in caribou country and *reporting sightings* to an MNR district office. You may have received a caribou sightings card in the mail as part of the moose hunter survey, or you can pick one up at a ServiceOntario office or at a MNR district office across Northern Ontario. If you see a caribou, please fill in the card and mail it or return it to your nearest MNR office. By doing so, you are providing important information for the recovery of caribou populations in Ontario.

act today so they have tomorrow

DEER HUNTERS: BE SURE OF YOUR TARGET

Watch for similarities and differences between **ELK** and **WHITE-TAILED DEER**.

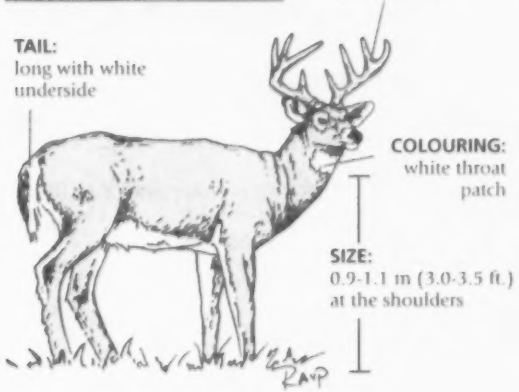
WHITE-TAIL DOE



ELK CALF

A 5- to 6-month-old elk calf will be about the same size as an adult white-tail doe.

DEER



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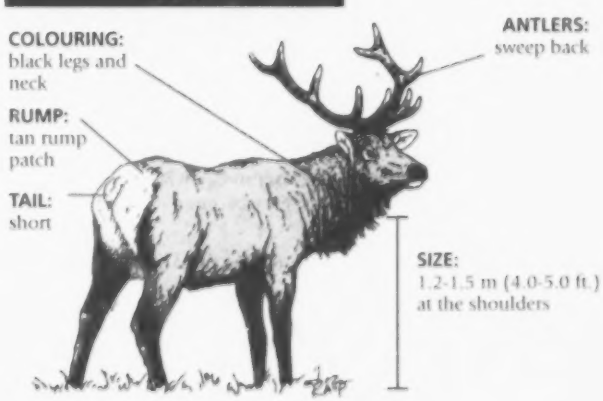


SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES

Elk calves and white-tail does:
A 5- to 6-month-old elk calf will be about the same size as an adult white-tail doe.

Tails:
Elk have a short tail; Deer have a long tail with a white underside.

Size:
Adult Elk stand 1.2-1.5 m (4.0-5.0 ft.) at the shoulders; Adult Deer stand 0.9-1.1 m (3.0-3.5 ft.) at the shoulders.

Colouring:
Elk have a tan rump patch, black legs and black neck; Deer have legs the same colour as their bodies, and a white throat patch.

Antlers:
Elk antlers sweep back; Deer antlers curve forward

White-tailed Deer Regulations

Licence Fees (GST is included in all fees)

1. **Resident's licence tag to hunt deer** **$36.00**
2. **Farmer's licence tag to hunt deer** **$21.50**
   You must complete an "Application for a Farmer's Licence to Hunt Deer" form (available from ServiceOntario offices and some licence issuers) to get this licence. This licence tag is valid only in the county (or other jurisdiction as the case may be) in which you reside.
3. **Resident's additional game seal (selected WMUs only)** **$36.00**
4. **Non-resident's licence to hunt deer (antlered deer only)** **$180.00**
5. **Non-resident's additional game seal (selected WMUs only)** **$180.00**
6. **Dog licence** **$10.25**

NOTE: It is illegal for a hunter to purchase more than one deer licence tag.

Export Permits **(See also Export and Shipping, page 27)**
This permit is required to export from Ontario any part of the deer, including carcass, hide or antlers.
Non-resident's Export Permit Fee..... **$35.00**
Resident's Export Permit issued at no charge.

DRAW RESULTS TELEPHONE LINE: 1-800-288-1155 (available by September 8 for antlerless deer; by October 15 for controlled deer hunts). Call toll-free to determine your success in the deer validation tag draw.

Information for All Deer Hunters

Firearms

Big game, including deer, may only be hunted with a firearm (this includes bows). When hunting deer you may use or carry only a firearm of the type permitted for hunting deer at that time in that WMU. For example, when hunting deer during an archery only season, you may use or carry only archery equipment. You may not carry a rifle or shotgun for hunting other game species. However, when hunting deer during a rifle/shotgun season you may also carry a rifle or shotgun for small game (in addition to your firearm that meets the specifications to hunt deer) because it is the same type of firearm.

The following cannot be used for hunting deer:

- A rim-fire rifle
- A shotgun smaller than 20 gauge when loaded with shot
- Any shotgun loaded with shot smaller than SG or No. 1 buck.

When archery hunting for deer, you must not possess or use archery equipment other than the following:

Crossbows:

- Draw length must be at least 300 mm (11.8 in.).
- Draw weight must be at least 45 kg (99.2 lb.).
- Bolt head must be at least 22 mm (0.87 in.) at the widest point.
- There must be at least two cutting edges of straight, sharp, unserrated, barbless steel.

Bows (compound, recurve, long):

- Draw weight must be at least 18 kg (39.7 lb.) at draw length of 700 mm (27.6 in.) or less.
- Arrow length must be at least 600 mm (23.6 in.).
- Arrow head must be at least 22 mm (0.87 in.) at the widest point.
- There must be at least two cutting edges of straight, sharp, unserrated, barbless steel.

For information on measuring draw length and arrow length, refer to page 21 under "Firearms".

NOTE: It is illegal to hunt deer while they are swimming.

Party Hunting for Deer

The term "party hunting for deer" means two or more persons hunting during an open season for deer **under all of the following conditions:**

- Each person has a valid licence to hunt deer.
- The total number of deer killed by the party does not exceed the total number of game seals held by the members of the party licensed to hunt deer.
- The total number of antlered or antlerless deer killed by the party does not exceed the total number of game seals validated for antlered or antlerless deer that are held by members of the party.
- All members of the party hunt together in the same Wildlife Management Unit or portion thereof as the person who holds the game seal for the deer that is being hunted.
- Each member of the party hunts within 5 kilometres of the person who holds the game seal that is valid for the deer being hunted.

- Each member of the party must be able to reliably and immediately communicate with other members of the party.
- All members of the party, including the person who holds the seal that is valid for the deer that the party is hunting, actively participate in the hunt and hunt co-operatively.

The person who kills the deer while hunting in a party shall immediately notify all other members of the party the deer has been killed and the game seal holder shall immediately affix the game seal to the deer in the manner prescribed on the seal. At this point, party members at the kill site must determine the category of animals that may still be hunted. You must then make sure your other party members, who did not come to the kill site, are informed. The hunter in your party who killed the animal, and the hunter who attached the game seal, may continue hunting provided other members of your party possess valid, unused game seals.

A person shall not hunt deer in a party during a controlled deer hunt season unless he or she holds a controlled deer hunt validation tag. The exception is a Hunter Apprentice hunting with a Mentor (in which case the Mentor must have a controlled deer hunt validation tag).

If you have questions about party hunting, the best time to get answers is before the hunt begins. Contact a Conservation Officer at the MNR office in the district in which you will be hunting. A list of MNR offices and phone numbers can be found on page 96.

Sealing and Transporting Deer

The antlerless deer validation tag must be affixed to the recipient's game seal before hunting begins.

The controlled deer hunt validation tag must be carried by the recipient at all times while hunting in a controlled hunt.

If Hunting Deer Alone

When the deer has been killed, the licence holder who shot the deer must, **immediately** after the kill and at the kill site, securely attach the game seal to the animal.

You must notch out the month, date, and time of the kill on the game seal.

If Party Hunting for Deer

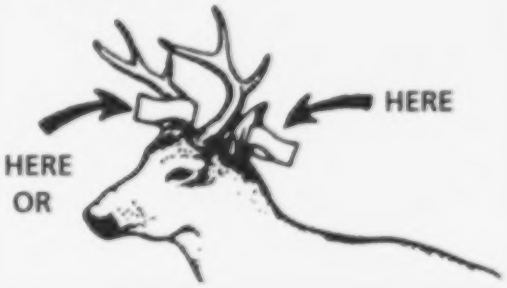
When a deer has been killed, the member whose game seal is to be used and whose licence has been validated for hunting deer of the type that has been killed must **immediately** after the kill, and at the kill site, securely attach the game seal to the animal, making sure to notch out the month, date and time of the kill.

Only the hunter whose game seal is to be used is allowed to attach the game seal to the deer. It is illegal to transfer a game seal in order to seal a deer.

SEALING DEER

Instructions for Attaching the Game Seal

1. Fold the game seal around the base of an antler or slit the ear and pass the game seal through. The seal should not wrap around itself, but rather form a loop.
2. Carefully peel the backing off the game seal. Keep hair, moisture and debris off the seal.
3. Then press the adhesive side on both ends together up to where it wraps around the deer part.
4. Notch out the month, day and time of the kill on the game seal.



If you are transporting part of a deer, you must know, and be prepared to state:

- The name of the hunter who sealed the animal
- The hunting licence number and validation tag number under which the animal was sealed
- The WMU in which it was taken; if requested to do so by a Conservation Officer.

Export and Shipping

Residents and non-residents must have an Ontario export permit to export deer or any part of a deer from Ontario. You may obtain an export permit from most ServiceOntario offices in the area where the animal has been taken. You should obtain the export permit before reaching a border point to avoid any inconvenience. A resident may temporarily transport a deer out of Ontario without an export permit if the resident is on the way to a location in Ontario and does not leave any part of the deer outside Ontario.

You must keep the game seal attached to the deer while you are transporting it.

A non-resident must pay $35.00 for an export permit. Export permits have sub-permits attached to them for exporting a part or parts of the animal for which an export permit has been issued. You may use up to three sub-permits for this purpose. Receptacles containing game wildlife or specially protected wildlife that are being shipped or transported to points inside or outside Ontario must have the names and addresses of the sender and receiver, and a list of the contents written on the outside.

NOTE: Hunters are advised that at the time this Summary went to press, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) as well as some individual states had requirements in place for the import of wild ruminant meat and trophies from Canada to the U.S. When planning their hunt U.S. hunters should check on the status of any requirements, including hours of operation at ports of entry, to avoid delays when returning home with legally harvested game.

Similarly, Canadian hunters who wish to travel through the U.S. to reach a Canadian destination or hunt in the U.S. should check for any requirements for transporting meat before finalizing their travel itinerary. For more information see the USDA website at *http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/ncie*. Click on "Import Alerts" found in the "News and Information" section. This section provides an outline of procedures for importation of wild ruminant meat and trophies, as well as guidelines for what is not allowed for importation.

Information for Non-Residents Wishing to Hunt Deer

Guides

Non-residents must be accompanied by one licensed guide for each two hunters when hunting deer in the Territorial District of Rainy River. WMUs within the Territorial District of Rainy River include 9B, 10, 11A and part of 7B and 12B.

Non-Resident of Canada Crown Land Camping Restrictions – WMUs 6, 7B, 9A, 9B

Non-residents must also be aware that Crown land camping is prohibited within 1 km of the following road systems in Kenora and Fort Frances Districts between October 1 to November 15.

- Hwy 71 and roads branching off of Hwy 71 from Strachan Road to the junction of Hwy 17
- Hwy 596, Caribou Falls Road and Sand Lake Road and all roads branching off of these roads to the junction of the English River Road
- Rush Bay Road and branch roads
- Shoal Lake Road and branch roads
- Gundy Lake Road and branch roads.

For more information contact Kenora District Office at 807-468-2501 or the Fort Frances District Office at 807-274-5337.

Information for Ontario Residents Wishing to Hunt Deer

White-tailed deer are abundant in many parts of their Ontario range. Easily available food, mild winters, and the ability to adapt to human encroachment have allowed them to flourish. As a result, much of Ontario is rich in deer hunting opportunities.

There are two types of opportunities for Ontario-resident deer hunters that involve computerized random draws for validation tags. They are:

- The Antlerless Deer Draw
- The Controlled Deer Hunt Draw.

The **antlerless deer** validation tag program was instituted in portions of Ontario in 1980, when deer populations were at a relatively low level.

The program's purpose is to ensure the sustainability of the herd. Habitat has a limited ability to support deer; this ability is called the carrying capacity of the habitat. Maintaining a deer population within the carrying capacity of its habitat ensures a healthy population with minimal habitat impacts, which ensures sustainability.

The antlerless deer validation tag program is used to limit the number of antlerless tags allocated, which controls the number of antlerless deer harvested. If deer populations are low, then the number of antlerless tags offered will be low, to allow the herd to rebuild. As deer numbers increase, the number of antlerless tags offered will increase to control the growth of the herd. The antlerless deer validation tag program allows any legally licensed hunter to harvest a buck, but an antlerless deer (a doe or fawn) can be harvested only if the hunter or hunting party holds an antlerless deer validation tag.

An antlerless deer is defined as a deer that has no antlers, or has antlers that are less than 7.5 cm (3 inches) in length.

The term **"controlled deer hunt"** means that the number of deer hunters hunting in a Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) is controlled or limited.

Controlled hunts may be used to meet one or more objectives. Limiting the number of hunters in a WMU is desirable in built-up rural areas to ensure public safety. Controlling hunter numbers in popular units can also prevent overcrowding; this results in a higher-quality hunting experience.

Controlled deer hunts take place in southern and southwestern Ontario. Many hunters refer to these hunts as the "shotgun hunts" because the firearm that is permitted is usually a shotgun or flintlock/percussion cap muzzle-loading gun. While many controlled hunts are "any deer" hunts, some are for antlered deer only.

Additional Game Seals for Deer

Deer populations in Ontario have flourished in recent years, leading to significant crop damage and increased deer/vehicle collisions in some areas.

To better manage the white-tailed deer population in specific areas where density is high, a limited number of additional game seals are offered in certain WMUs. The availability of additional seals, and the conditions placed on their use, may vary. Please refer to page 63 for a list of the WMUs offering additional game seals in 2006.

For most of these WMUs additional game seals will be sold by automated telephone system only from August 8-31, 2006, on a first come, first served basis, 24 hours a day, at 1-800-288-1155. Cost for Ontario residents is $36.00.

NOTE: An additional game seal for deer is NOT a deer licence. An additional game seal for deer is valid only if the hunter possesses a 2006 deer licence.

More on Deer

For more important information and regulations on deer hunting, see these pages:

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If you have questions about deer hunting in Ontario, call the Ministry of Natural Resources. A complete list of ministry offices and phone numbers can be found on page 96.

Hunting near dams & hydroelectric facilities is unsafe.

Ontario Power Generation would like to remind you to stay clear of our hydro stations, dams, nearby shorelines and surrounding waterways. Hydroelectric generating stations operate all year round and can have a significant effect on water flows and levels. These changes can happen suddenly and often without warning. At some of our dams, the gates are operated remotely. In just a matter of minutes, calm waters can become turbulent and dry riverbeds can fill with powerful rushing water. Areas near dams are definitely not safe places for hunting. Please obey all warnings, including signs, booms and buoys. If you see water levels changing, move immediately to a safe location.

STAY CLEAR AND STAY SAFE

To obtain a **free** water safety brochure, video or computer game visit **www.opg.com**

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Antlerless Deer

Applying to the Draw for an Antlerless Deer Validation Tag

Any resident of Ontario who has a valid hunting version Outdoors Card may apply to the draw for an antlerless deer validation tag. Each hunter who receives a validation tag in the draw is permitted to harvest an antlerless deer in the WMU specified on the tag.

Licensed hunters who do not apply to the antlerless draw, or who are not successful in the draw for an antlerless deer validation tag, may harvest an antlered deer.

Hunters who wish to apply to the antlerless deer draw may use one of two methods. For your convenience, you may purchase your 2006 resident's deer licence tag (the sticker that goes on the back of your Outdoors Card) and apply to the antlerless deer draw in one toll-free call to **1-800-288-1155** between March 1 and July 31. This line is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

You may also purchase a deer licence from a licence issuer and submit a paper application for the draw to a ServiceOntario office.

Your chance of being drawn for an antlerless deer validation tag is the same whether you apply by telephone or by paper application. Choose one method only – you will be disqualified if more than one application is submitted in your name.

The deadline for applications by telephone is 11:55 p.m. (EDT) on July 31, 2006.

The deadline for paper applications to be received at a ServiceOntario office is 5:00 p.m. on July 31, 2006.

Whether a hunter applies by telephone or by paper application, the responsibility for entering a valid application rests with that hunter. If you have any questions regarding your application or the application process, more information is available from MNR district and area offices. For a list of MNR offices, refer to page 96.

Applying by Telephone

The telephone application system will allow you to both purchase a deer licence and apply to the antlerless validation tag draw in one phone call. (If you have already purchased a deer licence, you must apply to the antlerless tag draw using the paper application that comes with your licence and game seal. Please refer to the section on Applying by Paper Application.)

To use this system you must have a valid hunting version Outdoors Card. If your Outdoors Card has expired, you must renew it before you use the telephone application system. The quickest, most convenient ways to renew are:

- With a call to the toll-free, automated Outdoors Card renewal line at 1-800-288-1155
- By connecting to the Internet renewal site at *www.outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca*

Once you have successfully completed your Outdoors Card renewal by either method you may proceed immediately to the telephone application system for the antlerless deer validation tag draw.

For more information on Outdoors Card renewal options, see page 15.

It is recommended that you complete the Antlerless Deer Draw Worksheet for Hunters Applying by Telephone found on page 62 before making your call.

To use the telephone application system, you will need:

- A valid hunting version Outdoors Card number
- A VISA, MasterCard or American Express credit card (The charge on your credit card will be $39.00)
- The first and second choice (if you have one) Wildlife Management Units (including any sub-units) to which you would like to apply
- A Touch-Tone telephone.

During your call, listen to the recorded instructions carefully. You will be asked to confirm your answers, and will be given the opportunity to change an answer if you make a mistake. Remember that you must respond to the questions asked by using the keypad of your telephone. Do not speak your answers. The information that you enter electronically during your telephone call (using your telephone keypad) is your direct application to the draw.

When keying in the WMU to which you wish to apply, remember that single-digit WMUs (such as 5, 6, 7 etc.) must be entered with a "0" as the first digit. Enter such WMUs by keying 05, 06, 07 etc. Refer to the table titled Valid Antlerless Deer Wildlife Management Units (2006) on this page.

Remain on the line to get an Authorization Number. Record this number at the bottom of your Worksheet for future reference.

Confirm your postal code before hanging up. If your postal code is not correct, call the Outdoors Card Centre during regular business hours (1-800-387-7011) to update your address so your licence (and validation tag if you are successful in the draw) will reach you, or update your address over the Internet at: *www.outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca*

Tips for Planning Your Call

As telephone application systems become more common in the big game draw program, we offer these tips to help hunters identify and take advantage of the times when call volumes are usually lower. Keep these guidelines in mind when planning your call:

- The telephone application system is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, until 11:55 p.m. (EDT) on the day of the deadline for applications.
- **Do not leave your call until the day of the deadline!** If you wait until the last day and cannot get through because the lines are busy, you will not be able to enter the draw for an antlerless tag. The earlier in the application period you apply, the easier it will be to connect to the system on your first try.
- Telephone on a weekend, if possible. We often experience lower call volumes on weekends.
- On weekdays, our telephone lines are generally least busy early in the day and late in the day.

Remember, do not apply to the draw by telephone if you have already submitted a paper application.

Valid Antlerless Deer Wildlife Management Units (2006)

03	21A	53B*	67	81*
04	28	54	68A	82A
05	36	55A	68B	82B
06	37	55B	69A*	83A
07A	38	56	69B	84
07B	39	57	70*	85*
08	41	58	71	86*
09A	42	59	72A	87*
09B	43A	60**	72B*	88*
10	43B	61	73	89*
11A	44	62	74A	90*
11B	45	63A	74B	91*
12A	46	63B	75	92*
12B	47	64A	76*	93*
13	48	64B	77*	94*
14	49	65	78*	
15A	50	66A	79*	
15B	53A	66B*	80*	

* Tags for these WMUs are valid during the bow season only.

** WMU 60 will be referred to as WMU 60A during the telephone entry call.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL HUNTERS

Big Game Hides – Conservation through Cooperation

Hunters are encouraged to donate their big game hides to collection depots across Ontario.

By donating the hide from your big game animal, you can fully use your animal and provide economic benefits to First Nations artisans.

The Ontario Hats for Hides Corporation, a private company, will again be coordinating the majority of hide depots across Ontario. For information on their big game hide collection program please call 1-888-873-3319. As well, their depot list will be available September 1, 2006, at *www.hatsforhides.com*.

A list of depots will also be available September 1, 2006, from the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, and ServiceOntario offices.

Remember that hides must be a minimum of six square feet and rotten hides or hides with numerous cuts and/or holes will not be accepted. Hides should also be salted immediately after skinning. It is recommended that hunters contact their local depot to confirm the services available as there are a limited number of hats and crests available.

Hunters not interested in donating their hides may leave the hide in the bush so they may be scavenged by many wildlife species such as blue jays, ravens, eagles, marten, fisher, foxes and wolves. Disposal sites must be out of public view and well away from homes, water supplies, cottages, public trails and popular recreation areas. For disposal at municipal waste disposal sites contact your local municipality.

Hunters are hunting's ambassadors and must act responsibly at all times.

Antlerless Deer Draw Worksheet for Hunters Applying by Telephone

Note: The antlerless deer draw system does not accept controlled deer hunt applications

Fill in the worksheet before you call, and keep the worksheet in front of you during the call so you can record your Authorization Number. Before the call you need to record your Outdoors Card Number, choice(s) of Wildlife Management Unit(s), and credit card number and expiry date.

Using your best Touch-Tone telephone, dial **1-800-288-1155**, 24 hours a day, seven days a week from March 1 to July 31. **Be sure to apply early**. If you wait for the last day and cannot get through because the lines are busy, you will not be able to enter the antlerless deer draw. **Do not wait until the last day.**

NOTE: If you are having a problem applying by telephone, after your fourth unsuccessful attempt to enter correct information when prompted, you will be given the telephone number of the Outdoors Card Centre. You should call this number as directed during regular business hours for assistance with your draw application. If you do not call this number before the draw deadline, your application will not be entered into the draw.

STEP 1 When the system prompts you, use the keypad of your telephone to choose the Antlerless Deer Draw entry option.

STEP 2 After the prompt, enter the 15 digits of your Outdoors Card.

Your Outdoors Card Number is:

7 0 8 1 5 8 ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

STEP 3 After the prompt, enter your first choice Wildlife Management Unit (WMU). Only the valid WMUs listed on page 60 will be accepted.

First, enter only the numbers of your WMU. If your WMU has more than one sub-unit, you will be asked to select the sub-unit next.

Your First Choice WMU is: ☐☐ **Sub-unit:** ☐

PLEASE NOTE: You will be asked to confirm your choice of WMU. Listen to your choice carefully before confirming it. The responsibility for entering the correct WMU rests solely with the applicant. You cannot change your choices after you have confirmed them and entered the draw.

STEP 4 Repeat step 3 for your second choice WMU.

Your Second Choice WMU is: ☐☐ **Sub-unit:** ☐

STEP 5 Enter your VISA, MasterCard or American Express card number:

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STEP 6 Enter the four digit expiry date from your credit card:

expiry date ☐☐ / ☐☐
month year

STEP 7 Stay on the line while the system authorizes your credit card number. Record the authorization number for your records.

Your authorization number is: ☐☐☐☐☐☐

STEP 8 Stay on the line to confirm your postal code to ensure that you receive your licence (and validation tag if successful in the draw) when it is mailed to you. If your postal code is not correct, call the Outdoors Card Centre as soon as possible during regular business hours (**1-800-387-7011**) to update your address. Your address can also be updated 24 hours a day at *www.outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca*. A correct address will ensure you receive your licence and game seal.

Keep this worksheet for your records.

Applying by Paper Application

Hunters who wish to apply for an antlerless deer validation tag using a paper application must first purchase a resident's or farmer's deer licence tag (the sticker that goes on the back of your Outdoors Card).

To purchase a deer licence from a licence issuer you must have a valid hunting version Outdoors Card in your possession. If your Outdoors Card has expired, you must renew it before you can purchase your deer licence. The quickest, most convenient ways to renew your Outdoors Card are:

- With a call to the toll-free, automated Outdoors Card renewal line at 1-800-288-1155
- By connecting to the Internet renewal site at *www.outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca*

Your new Outdoors Card will reach you in two to three weeks.

For more information on Outdoors Card renewal options, see page 15.

When you buy your deer licence you will receive a paper application for the antlerless deer draw and your game seal.

Fill out the application form carefully and completely.

Write in a valid antlerless deer Wildlife Management Unit (WMU). Be sure to indicate the WMU sub-unit (A or B) if required. (Refer to the table titled Valid Antlerless Deer Wildlife Management Units (2006) on page 60.) If you need more information or have a question, call a Ministry of Natural Resources office (see page 96 for the list of offices).

Ensure that the Outdoors Card number imprinted on your application for an antlerless deer validation tag is legible. If any portion of the imprinted number is not clear, write it neatly in the space provided at the top of the application. You are not required to indicate a second choice on your application if you do not have a second choice.

Submit your application well before the **5:00 p.m., July 31, 2006**, deadline for the antlerless deer draw. Remember that this deadline for your paper application is the date by which your application must be received by ServiceOntario. **This deadline is NOT a "postmarked by" date.** Whether an application is delivered by courier, registered mail or through the regular or government mail, please allow at least five working days for its delivery. **All late applications will be rejected from the draw without exception.**

Remember, do not submit a paper application if you have already applied to the draw by telephone.

You Will Not Qualify For The Draw If:

- More than one application (either by telephone or on paper) is submitted in your name
- Your Outdoors Card is not valid
- The application is not complete (for example, if the sub-unit of the WMU, or season choice is not indicated where necessary)
- The application is for an invalid WMU or season
- The writing is not legible
- The application is received late
- Your hunting licence privileges are under suspension.

The responsibility for entering a complete and correct application rests with the hunter. If you have any questions regarding your application, or the application process, more information is available from MNR district and area offices. For a list of MNR offices, refer to page 96.

Draw Results Telephone Line

Draw applicants may call the toll-free Draw Results Line at 1-800-288-1155 to determine the results of the Antlerless Deer Draw. This automated line runs 24 hours a day, seven days a week from September 8 until December 31. Hunters will need their 15-digit Outdoors Card number to access their draw record.

The Mailing of Licences and Antlerless Deer Validation Tags

Only successful draw applicants, and those hunters who used the telephone application system to purchase their deer licence, will be notified by mail.

If you applied to the antlerless deer draw by telephone and were successful, the validation tag you receive is part of the game seal that is mailed to you. **Remember to remove your resident's deer licence tag from the top left corner of your game seal and affix it to the back of your Outdoors Card before you go hunting.**

If you applied to the antlerless deer draw with a paper application and were successful, the validation tag you receive must be affixed to your game seal.

Do not lose your validation tag or game seal.

If you were successful in the draw, or you purchased a licence by telephone, and you have not received your licence and/or validation tag, visit the ServiceOntario office which serves your area. You can get a duplicate licence and/or validation tag through your ServiceOntario office only after signing a declaration and verifying your address information. There may be a charge for this service. After the season starts, duplicate tags will be issued only at the discretion of the ministry.

If you have moved recently and have not informed the ministry of your new address you may not receive your licence/validation tag when it is mailed after the draw. Please call the Outdoors Card Center at **1-800-387-7011** to update your address information, or change your address over the Internet at: *www.outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca*.

Additional Game Seals for Deer

When deer populations in certain Wildlife Management Units warrant, hunters may be offered the opportunity to purchase game seals to harvest additional deer. In offering these game seals for sale, limits will apply on both the total number of seals a hunter may purchase and the number of seals a hunter may purchase for any one Hunt Code. The table to the right shows the WMUs in Ontario in which it is anticipated a limited number of additional game seals will be offered in 2006.

For most of these WMUs additional game seals will be sold by automated telephone system only from August 8-31, 2006, on a first come, first served basis, 24 hours a day, at 1-800-288-1155.

In early August, hunters who purchased an additional deer seal in 2005 will be mailed a brochure confirming the WMUs that will offer additional deer seals and containing the hunt codes required to use this system. (If you do not receive a brochure, please call the Outdoors Card Centre at 1-800-387-7011.) Cost of the additional deer seal for residents is $36.00.

If a WMU has any game seals remaining for sale after August 31, they will be sold at selected government offices starting September 6. Note that the limits mentioned above remain in effect during this over-the-counter sales period.

WMU	MNR Office
3	Red Lake
5, 8	Dryden
4	Sioux Lookout
6, 7A, 7B	Kenora
9A, 9B, 10, 11A, 12A, 12B	Fort Frances
14, 21A	Nipigon
15A	Ignace
11B, 13, 15B	Thunder Bay
43B	Espanola
63B, 64A, 64B, 65, 66A, 66B, 67, 69B	Kemptville
69A, 70	Kingston
71, 72A, 73, 74A, 74B, 75	Peterborough
72B, 78, 79	Aurora
82A, 82B	Owen Sound
85A, 85B, 85C, 86A, 86B	Clinton
80, 87A, 87B, 87C, 87D, 87E	Guelph
88	Vineland
90A, 90B, 91, 92, 93, 94A	Aylmer

Additional seals for restricted areas will be sold through selected government offices beginning October 16. During the Controlled Deer Hunt season, hunters must possess a Controlled Deer Hunt Validation Tag along with their additional game seal to hunt with their additional seal.

Please refer to the brochure that will be mailed in early August for more information.

NOTE: An additional game seal for deer is NOT a deer licence. An additional game seal for deer is valid only if the hunter possesses a 2006 deer licence.

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a degenerative, fatal brain disease caused by an abnormal protein called a "prion". As of December, 2005, it had been identified in captive and/or wild mule deer, white-tailed deer and elk in 14 U.S. states and two Canadian provinces, and in a wild moose in Colorado.

Ontario has been testing for CWD in southern Ontario since 2002 but has found no evidence that CWD exists in wild deer or elk in Ontario. MNR encourages hunters to take part in the 2006 surveillance program (details will be available before the fall).

The Ontario Ministries of Natural Resources; Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs; Health and Long Term Care; and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency have developed an Ontario Surveillance and Response Plan that identifies risk factors and the response in the key areas of prevention; surveillance; control and eradication; recovery; and communication, should CWD be detected in Ontario.

In 2005, Ontario passed a regulation restricting the possession in Ontario of high risk carcass parts of all members of the deer family (except caribou and moose) harvested in other jurisdictions. These parts include the head, spinal column, unprocessed antlers or hide, lymph nodes, eyes, spleen, mammary glands, entrails and internal organs.

The World Health Organization has said there is no scientific evidence that CWD can infect humans, but recommends that meat from an infected animal should NOT be eaten. If you see an animal displaying some or all of the physical signs of CWD (symptoms include loss of body weight and condition, indifference to humans, increased salivation, tremours, stumbling) report this information to an MNR office.

Feeding of deer and elk, and in some cases the baiting of deer, can promote higher than normal concentrations of deer and elk populations. High densities and more animal-to-animal contact can increase the risk of spreading diseases such as Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD).

Other traditional practices such as the use of natural deer urine, contained in commercially prepared attractants, could potentially carry CWD infectious materials if they were made from animals infected with CWD and could increase the risk of introducing and spreading CWD into the environment.

MNR currently discourages the winter feeding of deer and elk except in emergency situations where severe winter conditions can jeopardize the sustainability of the population. CWD could have serious impacts on the province's deer and elk population so MNR, like many other jurisdictions concerned with CWD, is now considering how best to address the role these activities could play in introducing or spreading CWD.

For more information on CWD, the new regulation, the Surveillance and Response Plan and information on the testing program and handling harvested deer, go to the MNR's CWD website at: *www.mnr.gov.on.ca/MNR/hunting/cwd/*

New information will be posted to the website as it becomes available.

2006 Regular Deer Seasons

Rifles, Shotguns, Archery and Muzzle-loaders

Rifles, Shotguns, Archery, and Muzzle-loaders are permitted during many of these seasons, check the conditions under which you may hunt.

WMU(s)	Resident – Open Season	Non-resident – Open Season (antlered deer only)	Conditions (Restrictions Only)
5	Oct. 14 to Oct. 27	No season	Archery, muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs
5	Oct. 28 to Dec. 15	No season	No dogs
6, 7B, 9A, 9B	Sept. 30 to Oct. 6	Sept. 30 to Oct. 6	Non-Resident Guide Requirement in part of 7B and all of 9B, archery and muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs
6, 7B, 9A, 9B, 11A	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15	Oct. 7 to Nov. 15	Non-Resident Guide Requirement in part of 7B and all of 9B, 11A
7A	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15	Oct. 7 to Nov. 15	Archery and muzzle-loading guns only
8	Oct. 14 to Oct. 27	Oct. 14 to Oct. 27	Archery and muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs
8	Oct. 28 to Dec. 15	Oct. 28 to Dec. 15	No dogs
10	Oct. 28 to Dec. 15	Oct. 28 to Nov. 15	Non-Resident Guide Requirement; no dogs
11A	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6	Non-Resident Guide Requirement; archery and muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs
3, 4, 11B, 12A, 12B, 13, 14, 15A, 15B, 21A	Oct. 7 to Dec. 15	No season	
28	Nov. 6 to Nov. 12	Nov. 6 to Nov. 12	Deer hunt only in PART of unit. Contact Kirkland Lake MNR office (page 96) for details; no dogs
36, 37, 38, 39, 41, 42	Nov. 6 to Nov. 18	Nov. 6 to Nov. 18	
46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 53A, 54, 55A, 55B, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63A, 63B, 67, 68A, 74B	Nov. 6 to Nov. 19	Nov. 6 to Nov. 19	
43A, 43B	Nov. 20 to Nov. 26	Nov. 20 to Nov. 26	Landowner's Permission; no dogs. Burpee Twp. is in WMU 43B
43A, 43B	Dec. 4 to Dec. 9	Dec. 4 to Dec. 9	Landowner's Permission; archery and muzzle-loading guns only
44	Nov. 6 to Nov. 18	Nov. 6 to Nov. 18	Landowner's Permission; no dogs
45	Nov. 6 to Nov. 10	Nov. 6 to Nov. 10	No dogs
59	Dec. 4 to Dec. 10	Dec. 4 to Dec 10	Archery and muzzle-loading guns only
63A, 63B, 64A, 64B, 65, 66A, 67, 69B, 71, 72A, 73, 74A, 75	Dec. 4 to Dec. 10	Dec. 4 to Dec. 10	Archery and muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs
64A	Nov. 6 to Nov. 12	Nov. 6 to Nov. 12	
	Nov. 20 to Nov. 26	Nov. 20 to Nov. 26	
64B	Nov. 6 to Nov. 12	Nov. 6 to Nov. 12	Archery, shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only
	Nov. 20 to Nov. 26	Nov. 20 to Nov. 26	
65, 71, 72A, 73, 75	Nov. 6 to Nov. 19	Nov. 6 to Nov. 19	Archery, shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs
66A	Nov. 6 to Nov. 12	Nov. 6 to Nov. 12	
68B, 74A	Nov. 6 to Nov. 19	Nov. 6 to Nov. 19	Archery, shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only
69B	Nov. 6 to Nov. 12	Nov. 6 to Nov. 12	Archery, shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only
82A, 82B, 83A, 84	Nov. 6 to Nov. 10	Nov. 6 to Nov. 10	No dogs
82A, 82B, 83A, 84	Dec. 4 to Dec. 8	Dec. 4 to Dec. 8	Muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs
82B	Nov. 20 to Nov. 24	Nov. 20 to Nov. 24	Muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs

See page 4 and 5 for proposed changes and additions to 2006 deer seasons.

Archery Seasons

Archery hunters wishing to hunt antlerless deer in a WMU with an archery-only season (refer to the table below Archery Only Seasons – Deer) must apply to the antlerless deer validation tag draw in that unit.

Do not apply for an antlerless deer validation tag in a WMU with a controlled hunt unless you plan to hunt with a bow during the archery only season. You must apply to the controlled hunt if you wish to hunt with a permitted firearm other than a bow during the controlled season.

2006 Archery Only Seasons – Deer (No Dogs)

WMU(s)	Resident – Open Season	Non-resident – Open Season (antlered deer only)
3, 4, 13, 14, 15A, 15B, 21A	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6	No season
5	Sept. 30 to Oct. 13	No season
6, 7B*	Sept. 16 to Sept. 29	Sept. 16 to Sept. 29
8	Sept. 30 to Oct. 13	Sept. 30 to Oct. 13
9A, 9B**	Sept. 16 to Sept. 29	Sept. 16 to Sept. 29
10**	Sept. 30 to Oct. 27	Sept. 30 to Oct. 27
12A, 12B*	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6	Sept. 16 to Oct. 6
36	Oct. 14 to Nov. 3	Oct. 14 to Nov. 3
37	Oct. 21 to Nov. 5	Oct. 21 to Nov. 5
42	Oct. 7 to Nov. 3	Oct. 7 to Nov. 3
43A***, 43B***	Oct. 7 to Nov. 17	Oct. 7 to Nov. 17
44***	Oct. 14 to Oct. 27	Oct.14 to Oct. 27
45	Oct. 7 to Nov. 3	Oct. 7 to Nov. 3
	Nov. 13 to Nov. 25	Nov. 13 to Nov. 25
46, 48, 49, 50, 53A, 57, 58	Oct. 15 to Nov. 5	Oct. 15 to Nov. 5
	Nov. 20 to Nov. 30	Nov. 20 to Nov. 30
47	Oct. 15 to Nov. 5	Oct. 15 to Nov. 5
	Nov. 20 to Dec. 2	Nov. 20 to Dec. 2
53B	Oct. 15 to Nov. 5	Oct. 15 to Nov. 5
	Nov. 11 to Nov. 30	Nov. 11 to Nov. 30
54****, 56	Oct. 1 to Nov. 5	Oct. 1 to Nov. 5
	Nov. 20 to Nov. 30	Nov. 20 to Nov. 30
55A	Oct. 15 to Nov. 5	Oct. 15 to Nov. 5
	Nov. 20 to Dec. 24	Nov. 20 to Dec. 24
55B	Dec. 1 to Dec. 15	Dec. 1 to Dec. 15
59, 65	Oct. 15 to Nov. 5	Oct. 15 to Nov. 5
	Nov. 20 to Dec. 3	Nov. 20 to Dec. 3
	Dec. 11 to Dec. 31	Dec. 11 to Dec. 31
60, 61, 62	Oct. 15 to Nov. 5	Oct. 15 to Nov. 5
	Nov. 20 to Dec. 15	Nov. 20 to Dec. 15
63A	Oct. 15 to Nov. 5	Oct. 15 to Nov. 5
	Nov. 20 to Dec. 3	Nov. 20 to Dec. 3
	Dec. 11 to Dec. 15	Dec. 11 to Dec. 15
64A, 64B	Oct. 1 to Nov. 5	Oct. 1 to Nov. 5
	Nov. 13 to Nov. 19	Nov. 13 to Nov. 19
	Nov. 27 to Dec. 3	Nov. 27 to Dec. 3
	Dec. 11 to Dec. 31	Dec. 11 to Dec. 31
66A, 69B	Oct. 1 to Nov. 5	Oct. 1 to Nov. 5
	Nov. 13 to Dec. 3	Nov. 13 to Dec. 3
	Dec. 11 to Dec. 31	Dec. 11 to Dec. 31
66B	Nov. 13 to Nov. 18	Nov. 13 to Nov. 18
63B, 67, 71, 72A, 73, 74A, 75	Oct. 1 to Nov. 5	Oct. 1 to Nov. 5
	Nov. 20 to Dec. 3	Nov. 20 to Dec. 3
	Dec. 11 to Dec. 31	Dec. 11 to Dec. 31
68A, 68B	Oct. 1 to Nov. 5	Oct. 1 to Nov. 5
	Nov. 20 to Dec. 31	Nov. 20 to Dec. 31
69A1, 69A3, 72B	Oct. 1 to Dec. 31	Oct. 1 to Dec. 31
69A2, 70	Oct. 1 to Dec. 3	Oct. 1 to Dec. 3
	Dec. 11 to Dec. 31	Dec. 11 to Dec. 31
74B	Oct. 1 to Nov. 5	Oct. 1 to Nov. 5
	Nov. 20 to Dec. 15	Nov. 20 to Dec. 15
76A, 76B, 76C, 76D, 76E, 77A, 77B, 77C, 81A, 81B, 83A	Oct. 1 to Nov. 5	No season
	Nov. 11 to Dec. 3	
	Dec. 9 to Dec. 15	
78A, 78B, 82A, 84	Oct. 1 to Nov. 5	No season
	Nov. 11 to Dec. 3	
	Dec. 9 to Dec. 31	
78C, 78D, 78E, 87A, 88, 94A	Oct. 1 to Dec. 31	No season
79C, 79D	Oct. 15 to Nov. 5	No season
	Nov. 11 to Dec. 31	
80, 89A, 89B	Oct. 1 to Nov. 5	No season
	Nov. 13 to Dec. 3	
	Dec. 11 to Dec. 31	
82B	Oct. 1 to Nov. 5	No season
	Nov. 11 to Nov. 19	
	Nov. 25 to Dec. 3	
	Dec. 9 to Dec. 31	
85A, 85B, 85C, 90A, 90B	Oct. 1 to Nov. 5	No season
	Nov. 13 to Dec. 3	
	Dec. 11 to Dec. 31	
86A, 86B, 93A, 93B	Oct. 1 to Dec. 3	No season
	Dec. 11 to Dec. 31	
87B, 87C, 87D, 87E	Oct. 1 to Nov. 5	No season
	Nov. 13 to Dec. 31	
91A, 91B, 92A, 92B, 92C, 92D	Oct. 1 to Nov. 5	No season
	Nov. 13 to Nov. 19	
	Nov. 27 to Dec. 3	
	Dec. 11 to Dec. 31	
93C	Contact the Chatham Area Office	No season
94B	Oct. 1 to Nov. 5	No season
	Nov. 8 to Dec. 31	

* Non-Resident Guide Requirement in part of 7B and 12B
** Non-Resident Guide Requirement in 9B and 10
*** Landowner Permission in 43A, 43B and 44 (Burpee Twp. in 43B)
**** Excluding parts of WMU 54 which lie within the boundaries of Algonquin Provincial Park

See page 4 and 5 for proposed changes and additions to 2006 deer seasons.

2005 Antlerless Deer Validation Tag Draw Results

For Rifle Season Tags

WMU	QUOTA	APPLICATIONS 1ST	APPLICATIONS 2ND	ALLOCATIONS 1ST	ALLOCATIONS 2ND	% CHANCE ON FIRST CHOICE
3	200	159	114	159	2	100
4	51	50	50	50	1	100
5	300	224	299	224	2	100
6	200	53	187	53	1	100
7A	100	9	19	9	1	100
7B	1,600	1,033	696	1,033	8	100
8	700	579	289	579	1	100
9A	350	203	232	203	2	100
9B	550	416	434	416	2	100
10	1,603	1,602	776	1,602	1	100
11A	500	310	240	310	7	100
11B	75	34	107	34	2	100
12A	50	49	63	49	0	100
12B	350	262	383	262	8	100
13	2,500	1,823	974	1,823	18	100
14	150	15	27	15	0	100
15A	150	57	45	57	4	100
15B	200	140	246	140	13	100
21A	100	81	92	81	7	100
28	65	67	68	65	0	97
36	150	767	792	150	0	20
37	750	1,242	735	750	0	60
38	50	15	202	15	35	100
39	75	288	326	75	0	26
41	75	569	521	75	0	13
42	350	1,350	1,069	350	0	26
43A	1,400	1,094	607	1,094	46	100
43B	6,000	5,632	1,885	5,632	223	100
44	100	153	47	100	0	65
45	500	1,184	427	500	0	42
46	1,600	1,544	824	1,544	56	100
47	4,200	5,661	2,461	4,200	0	74
48	500	1,576	1,224	500	0	32
49	2,750	3,993	2,072	2,750	0	69
50	1,020	1,467	873	1,020	0	70
53A	1,950	2,144	1,145	1,950	0	91
54	1,500	1,247	905	1,247	76	100
55A	600	825	604	600	0	73
55B	350	1,455	1,134	350	0	24
56	2,000	2,106	1,271	2,000	0	95
57	2,700	3,018	1,742	2,700	0	89
58	2,700	3,590	2,347	2,700	0	75
59	2,000	2,441	1,599	2,000	0	82
60A	1,800	5,618	2,631	1,800	0	32
61	1,800	3,837	2,170	1,800	0	47
62	1,500	2,518	1,519	1,500	0	60
63A	5,000	4,718	2,057	4,718	255	100
63B	2,800	1,132	1,036	1,132	54	100
64A	8,500	1,984	1,478	1,984	105	100
64B	4,000	689	757	689	88	100
65	5,000	3,729	1,631	3,729	116	100
66A	3,000	1,811	878	1,811	23	100
66B	30	3	30	3	0	100
67	5,150	4,226	2,351	4,226	231	100
68A	700	774	627	700	0	90
68B	1,100	1,323	885	1,100	0	83
69B	450	208	299	208	5	100
71	1,000	893	848	893	107	100
72A	900	839	575	839	61	100
73	2,600	2,449	1,590	2,449	151	100
74A	600	396	567	396	193	100
74B	800	756	603	756	44	100
75	1,650	1,082	972	1,082	218	100
82A	5,512	5,509	1,993	5,509	3	100
82B	1,000	766	781	766	17	100
83A	450	923	380	450	0	49
84	2,400	2,510	1,201	2,400	0	96

2005 Antlerless Deer Validation Tag Draw Results

For Archery Only Tags

WMU	QUOTA	APPLICATIONS 1ST	APPLICATIONS 2ND	ALLOCATIONS 1ST	ALLOCATIONS 2ND	% CHANCE ON FIRST CHOICE
69A	1,400	368	611	368	129	100
70	1,000	295	438	295	135	100
72B	100	29	73	29	7	100
76	600	670	408	600	0	90
77	300	573	333	300	0	52
78	1,200	1,054	707	1,054	134	100
79	500	193	139	193	9	100
80	1,250	1,092	570	1,092	36	100
81	450	447	318	447	3	100
85	1,000	724	394	724	21	100
86	500	316	226	316	17	100
87	1,500	941	512	941	31	100
88	500	303	334	303	26	100
89	1,500	1,396	671	1,396	79	100
90	1,000	826	594	826	45	100
91	1,000	597	384	597	26	100
92	1,600	1,503	715	1,503	38	100
93	800	650	443	650	37	100
94	1,500	864	606	864	95	100

Tentative Resident Deer Seasons Opening Dates for 2007 and 2008

Rifles, Shotguns, Archery and Muzzle-loaders

Rifles, Shotguns, Archery, and Muzzle-loaders are permitted during many of these seasons, check the conditions under which you may hunt.

Season	WMU(s)	2007 Start	2008 Start
Deer Archery Open Seasons	3, 4, 6, 7B, 9A, 9B, 12A, 12B, 13, 14, 15A, 15B, 21A	Sept. 15	Sept. 20
Deer Archery Open Seasons	5, 8, 10	Sept. 29	Oct. 4
Deer Archery Open Seasons	36, 44	Oct. 13	Oct. 11
Deer Archery Open Seasons	37	Oct. 20	Oct. 18
Deer Archery Open Seasons	42, 43A, 43B, 45	Oct. 6	Oct. 4
Deer Archery Open Seasons	46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 53A, 53B, 55A, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63A, 65, 79C, 79D	Oct. 15	Oct. 15
Deer Archery Open Seasons	66B	Nov. 12	Nov. 10
Deer Archery Open Seasons	54, 56, 63B, 64A, 64B, 66A, 67, 68A, 68B, 69A1, 69A2, 69A3, 69B, 70, 71, 72A, 72B, 73, 74A, 74B, 75, 76A, 76B, 76C, 76D, 76E, 77A, 77B, 77C, 78A, 78B, 78C, 78D, 78E, 80, 81A, 81B, 82A, 82B, 83A, 84, 85A, 85B, 85C, 86A, 86B, 87A, 87B, 87C, 87D, 87E, 88, 89A, 89B, 90A, 90B, 91A, 91B, 92A, 92B, 92C, 92D, 93A, 93B, 94A, 94B	Oct. 1	Oct. 1
Deer Archery Open Seasons	55B	Dec. 1	Dec. 1
Deer Archery Open Seasons	93C – Contact Chatham Area Office	Aug. 18	Aug. 16
Deer Muzzle-loader Open Seasons	82A, 82B, 83A, 84	Dec. 3	Dec. 1
Deer Muzzle-loader Open Seasons	82B	Nov. 19	Nov. 17
Deer Archery and Muzzle-loader Open Seasons	7A	Oct. 6	Oct. 11
Deer Archery and Muzzle-loader Open Seasons	11A	Sept. 15	Sept. 20
Deer Archery and Muzzle-loader Open Seasons	5, 8	Oct. 13	Oct. 18
Deer Archery and Muzzle-loader Open Seasons	6, 7B, 9A, 9B	Sept. 29	Oct. 4
Deer Archery and Muzzle-loader Open Seasons	43A, 43B, 59, 63A, 63B, 64A, 64B, 65, 66A, 67, 69B, 71, 72A, 73, 74A, 75	Dec. 3	Dec. 1
Deer Archery, Shotgun, Muzzle-loader Open Seasons	64B, 65, 68B, 69B, 71, 72A, 73, 74A, 75	Nov. 5	Nov. 3
Deer Archery, Rifle, Shotgun, Muzzle-loader Open Seasons	5, 8, 10	Oct. 27	Nov. 1
Deer Archery, Rifle, Shotgun, Muzzle-loader Open Seasons	3, 4, 6, 7B, 9A, 9B, 11A, 11B, 12A, 12B, 13, 14, 15A, 15B, 21A	Oct. 6	Oct.11
Deer Archery, Rifle, Shotgun, Muzzle-loader Open Seasons	2B, 36, 37, 38, 39, 41, 42, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 53A, 54, 55A, 55B, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63A, 63B, 64A, 66A, 67, 68A, 74B, 82A, 82B, 83A, 84	Nov. 5	Nov. 3
Deer Archery, Rifle, Shotgun, Muzzle-loader Open Seasons	43A, 43B	Nov. 19	Nov. 17

Controlled Deer Hunts

Applying to the Draw for a Controlled Deer Hunt Validation Tag

Any resident of Ontario who has a valid hunting version Outdoors Card may apply to the draw for a controlled deer validation tag. Tags are randomly assigned by computer. Each hunter who receives a tag in the draw is permitted to hunt a deer in the WMU specified on the tag during the period indicated.

Hunters who are not successful in the draw for a controlled deer hunt validation tag may not participate in the controlled deer hunt. (**NOTE:** Hunter Apprentices may participate in a controlled hunt if hunting in the approved Apprentice/Mentor fashion with a Mentor who has a controlled deer hunt validation tag.)

Hunters who are applying to the controlled deer draw do not have to purchase a deer licence prior to applying to the draw. However, hunters who receive a validation tag in the draw must purchase a deer licence (the sticker that goes on the back of the Outdoors Card) before they can hunt in the controlled hunt.

There are two ways to enter the draw for a controlled deer hunt validation tag:

- By calling the toll-free automated telephone application system
- By paper application to a ServiceOntario office.

NOTE: If you are applying for a controlled deer hunt validation tag as a Farmer/Landowner, you must apply with a paper application to a government office (page 96) in the area in which you or your immediate relative own land. For more information on Farmer/Landowner applications, see page 71.

Your chance of being drawn for a controlled deer hunt validation tag is the same whether you apply by telephone or by paper application, and both application methods are free of charge. **Choose one method only – you will be disqualified if more than one application is submitted in your name.**

Draw applicants who wish to hunt in a party should apply as a group (using one application form) rather than as individuals. (The benefit of this is that if your group application is selected in the computerized draw, **every hunter** listed on your application will receive a controlled deer hunt validation tag. The applicant who hunts in a party but applies as an individual risks being the only hunter in the party who is successful, or unsuccessful, in the draw.) The maximum number of hunters that can apply as one group is four.

Whether a hunter applies by telephone or by paper application, the responsibility for entering a valid application rests with that hunter. If you have any questions regarding your application, or the application process, more information is available from MNR district and area offices that offer controlled deer hunts. For a list of MNR offices that offer controlled deer hunts, refer to page 72.

The deadline for applications by telephone is 11:55 p.m. (EDT) on August 31, 2006.

The deadline for paper applications to be received at a ServiceOntario office is 5:00 p.m. on August 31, 2006.

Before You Apply – Advance Preparation

You will need a valid hunting version Outdoors Card to apply to the controlled deer draw.

If your Outdoors Card has expired, the quickest, most convenient ways to renew are:

- With a call to the toll-free, automated **Outdoors Card renewal line at 1-800-288-1155**
- By connecting to the Internet renewal site at: *www.outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca*.

Once you have successfully completed your Outdoors Card renewal by either method you may proceed immediately to the telephone application system for the controlled deer draw or return your paper application to a ServiceOntario office.

For more information on renewal options see page 15.

If your Outdoors Card is valid but you have moved since you received it, call the Outdoors Card Centre at **1-800-387-7011** or go on the Internet at: *www.outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca* and provide your current address. This will ensure that you receive your tag at your new address if you are successful in the draw.

See the 2005 Controlled Deer Validation Tag Draw Results table on page 73 for a general indication of the chances of receiving a controlled deer hunt validation tag in 2006. Selecting a WMU that offers a large number of tags and has relatively few applicants will increase a hunter's chance of getting a validation tag in the draw.

Applying by Telephone

For your convenience the MNR offers you the opportunity to apply for a controlled deer hunt validation tag with a toll-free call to **1-800-288-1155**, 24 hours a day, seven days a week from **August 1, 2006 to 11:55 p.m. (EDT) on August 31, 2006**. There is no fee for this application service.

To use the telephone application system, you will need:

- A Touch-Tone telephone
- A valid hunting version Outdoors Card
- The 2006 Hunt Code representing the first and (optional) second choice Wildlife Management Units and seasons to which you would like to apply (see page 69)
- If applying as part of a group, you will need to have decided with your group if you are the Group Leader or a Group Member. (If you call in as the Group Leader, you will be given a Group Reference Number to identify your group. If you are a Group Member, you will be asked for the Group Reference Number provided to the Group Leader so your group can be identified.)

When using the telephone application system, it is important to remember that you must respond to the questions asked by using the keypad of your phone. **Do not speak your answers.**

What Type of Applicant Are You?

To use the telephone application system, hunters must decide – prior to calling – which type of applicant they are. If your group is using the telephone application system, every member of the group must apply to the draw by telephone.

There are three types of draw applicants:

• Group Leader • Group Member • Individual

Hunters applying as part of a group will have to decide who the Group Leader is and who the Group Members are, prior to calling. The maximum number of hunters that can apply as one group is four, comprised of three Group Members plus the Group Leader.

GROUP LEADER – The Group Leader must be the first member of the group to apply through the telephone application system. The Group Leader is the only member of the group who enters the Hunt Code representing the group's choice of WMU and season. (Refer to the table titled Hunt Codes for the 2006 Controlled Deer Draw Telephone Application System on this page.) The Group Leader is then provided with a Group Reference Number to identify the group and its choice(s). The Group Leader must give the Group Reference Number to the Group Members so they may add their names to the group's application when they phone in.

GROUP MEMBERS – Each Group Member must obtain the Group Reference Number from the Group Leader before calling to enter the draw. During the call each Group Member will be asked for the Group Reference Number so the group can be identified and linked together in the draw. **Your Confirmation Number is your assurance that you have been entered in the draw.**

INDIVIDUALS – Individuals must enter the Hunt Code representing their choice(s) of Wildlife Management Unit and season. (Refer to the table titled Hunt Codes for the 2006 Controlled Deer Draw Telephone Application System on this page.) **Your Confirmation Number is your assurance that you have been entered in the draw.**

Tips for Planning Your Call

As telephone application systems become more common in the big game draw program, we offer these tips to help hunters identify and take advantage of the times when call volumes are usually lower. Keep these guidelines in mind when planning your call:

- The telephone application system is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, until 11:55 p.m. (EDT) on the day of the deadline for applications.
- **Do not leave your call until the day of the deadline!** The earlier in the application period you apply, the easier it will be to connect to the system on your first try.
- Telephone on a weekend, if possible. We often experience lower call volumes on weekends.
- On weekdays, our telephone lines are generally least busy early in the day and late in the day.

The deadline for applications by telephone is 11:55 p.m. (EDT) on August 31, 2006.

Remember, do not apply by telephone if you have already submitted a paper application.

Hunt Codes for the 2006 Controlled Deer Draw Telephone Application System

WMU	Season Dates for 2006	Hunt Code	Conditions A=Archery SG=Shotguns R=Rifles ML=Muzzle-loaders
53B	Nov. 6 to Nov. 10	300	SG, ML only
69A2**	Dec. 4 to Dec. 10	301	SG, ML only
70	Dec. 4 to Dec. 10	302	SG, ML only
76A*	Nov. 6 to Nov. 10	303	R, SG, ML
	Dec. 4 to Dec. 8	304	R, SG, ML
76B*	Nov. 6 to Nov. 10	305	SG, ML only
	Dec. 4 to Dec. 8	306	SG, ML only
76C*	Nov. 6 to Nov. 10	307	SG, ML only
	Dec. 4 to Dec. 8	308	SG, ML only
76D	Nov. 6 to Nov. 10	309	SG, ML only
	Dec. 4 to Dec. 8	310	SG, ML only
76E*	Nov. 6 to Nov. 10	311	ML only
	Dec. 4 to Dec. 8	312	ML only
77B*	Nov. 6 to Nov. 10	313	SG, ML only
	Dec. 4 to Dec. 8	314	SG, ML only
77C	Nov. 6 to Nov. 10	315	SG, ML only
	Dec. 4 to Dec. 8	316	SG, ML only
78A	Nov. 6 to Nov. 10	317	SG, ML only
	Dec. 4 to Dec. 8	318	SG, ML only
78B	Nov. 6 to Nov. 10	319	SG, ML only
	Dec. 4 to Dec. 8	320	SG, ML only
79C	Nov. 6 to Nov. 10	321	SG, ML only
79D	Nov. 6 to Nov. 10	322	SG, ML only
80	Nov. 6 to Nov. 12	323	SG, ML only
	Dec. 4 to Dec. 10	324	A, ML only
81A	Nov. 6 to Nov. 10	325	SG, ML only
	Dec. 4 to Dec. 8	326	SG, ML only
81B	Nov. 6 to Nov. 10	327	SG, ML only
	Dec. 4 to Dec. 8	328	SG, ML only
85A	Nov. 6 to Nov. 12	329	SG, ML only
	Dec. 4 to Dec. 10	330	SG, ML only
85B	Nov. 6 to Nov. 12	331	SG, ML only
	Dec. 4 to Dec. 10	332	SG, ML only
85C	Nov. 6 to Nov. 12	333	SG, ML only
	Dec. 4 to Dec. 10	334	SG, ML only
86A	Dec. 4 to Dec. 10	335	SG, ML only
86B	Dec. 4 to Dec. 10	336	SG, ML only
87B	Nov. 6 to Nov. 12	337	SG, ML only
87C	Nov. 6 to Nov. 12	338	SG, ML only
87D	Nov. 6 to Nov. 12	339	SG, ML only
87E	Nov. 6 to Nov. 12	340	SG, ML only
89A	Nov. 6 to Nov. 12	341	SG, ML only
	Dec. 4 to Dec. 10	342	SG, ML only
89B	Nov. 6 to Nov. 12	343	SG, ML only
	Dec. 4 to Dec. 10	344	SG, ML only
90A	Nov. 6 to Nov. 12	345	SG, ML only
	Dec. 4 to Dec. 10	346	SG, ML only
90B	Nov. 6 to Nov. 12	347	SG, ML only
	Dec. 4 to Dec. 10	348	SG, ML only
91A	Nov. 6 to Nov. 12	349	SG, ML only
	Nov. 20 to Nov. 26	350	ML only
	Dec. 4 to Dec. 10	351	SG, ML only
91B	Nov. 6 to Nov. 12	352	SG, ML only
	Nov. 20 to Nov. 26	353	ML only
	Dec. 4 to Dec. 10	354	SG, ML only
92A	Nov. 6 to Nov. 12	355	ML only
	Nov. 20 to Nov. 26	356	ML only
	Dec. 4 to Dec. 10	357	ML only
92B	Nov. 6 to Nov. 12	358	ML only
	Nov. 20 to Nov. 26	359	ML only
	Dec. 4 to Dec. 10	360	ML only
92C	Nov. 6 to Nov. 12	361	ML only
	Nov. 20 to Nov. 26	362	ML only
	Dec. 4 to Dec. 10	363	ML only
92D	Nov. 6 to Nov. 12	364	ML only
	Nov. 20 to Nov. 26	365	ML only
	Dec. 4 to Dec. 10	366	ML only
93A	Dec. 4 to Dec. 10	367	SG, ML only
93B	Dec. 4 to Dec. 10	368	SG, ML only
94B	Nov. 6 to Nov. 7	369	SG, ML only

** WMU 69A2 will be referred to as 69A during the telephone draw entry call.

* Controlled Hunt Validation Tags for the December hunt in units marked with an asterisk (*) are valid for ANTLERED DEER ONLY.

GROUP LEADER INSTRUCTIONS AND WORKSHEET

The instructions and worksheet provided below will help you with the telephone application process. **Fill in the worksheet spaces before you call**, and keep this worksheet in front of you during the call so you can record your Group Reference Number. **Before you call** you need to record your Outdoors Card Number and choice(s) of Hunt Code. The table titled *Hunt Codes for the 2006 Controlled Deer Draw Telephone Application System* is found on page 69.

STEP 1 Contact the members of your group (maximum group size is three plus the leader) to ensure they know you are the Group Leader.

STEP 2 Call **1-800-288-1155** between August 1 and August 31, 2006. This telephone line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week until 11:55 p.m. (EDT), August 31. (We recommend that you call early in the application period. Do not wait until the last day.) When the system prompts you, choose the Controlled Deer Draw option.

STEP 3 When the system prompts you, choose the option to apply as part of a group, and at the next prompt, choose the Group Leader option.

STEP 4 After the prompt, enter your 15-digit (hunting version) Outdoors Card Number. Your Outdoors Card Number is:

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STEP 5 After the prompts, enter your first choice Hunt Code, and your second choice Hunt Code (if you have one).

Please note: The responsibility for correctly entering the Hunt Code(s) rests solely with the applicant. Listen to your choice(s) carefully before confirming them. You will be given the opportunity during the call to change your selection(s) if you have made a mistake.

	WMU	Season	**Hunt Code**
First Choice			
Second Choice			

STEP 6 Stay on the line while the system provides you with a seven-digit Group Reference Number. Record this number in the space below.

Group Reference Number: _ _ _ _ _ _ _

STEP 7 Stay on the line to confirm your postal code to ensure that you receive your Controlled Deer Hunt Validation Tag if you are successful in the draw. If your postal code is not correct, call the Outdoors Card Centre as soon as possible during regular business hours (1-800-387-7011) to update your address. Your address can also be updated 24 hours a day at: *www.outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca*.

STEP 8 As the last step for the Group Leader, contact your Group Members and give them your seven-digit Group Reference Number so that they may call in and add their names to the group's application.

Keep this worksheet for your files.

GROUP MEMBER INSTRUCTIONS AND WORKSHEET

To use this worksheet, ensure you are a Group Member and not a Group Leader or an Individual Applicant. If you are the first member of your group to apply to the draw by telephone, you are considered the Group Leader and should refer to those instructions before calling.

The instructions and worksheet provided below will assist you with the telephone application process. **Fill in the worksheet spaces before you call**, and keep the worksheet in front of you during the call so you can record your Confirmation Number. Your Confirmation Number is your assurance that you have been entered in the draw. **Before the call** you need to record your Group Reference Number (provided by your Group Leader) and your Outdoors Card Number.

STEP 1 Call **1-800-288-1155** between August 1 and August 31, 2006. This telephone line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week until 11:55 p.m. (EDT), August 31. (We recommend that you call early in the application period. Do not wait until the last day.) When the system prompts you, choose the Controlled Deer Draw option.

STEP 2 When the system prompts you, choose the option to apply as part of a group, and at the next prompt, choose the Group Member option.

STEP 3 After the prompt enter the seven-digit Group Reference Number provided by your Group Leader.

Group Reference Number: _ _ _ _ _ _ _

Step 4 After the prompt, enter you 15-digit (hunting version) Outdoors Card Number. Your Outdoors Card Number is:

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Step 5 A recording will tell you your group's Hunt Code, WMU and season choice(s) as selected by your Group Leader.

Step 6 Stay on the line while the system provides you with your Confirmation Number. **Your Confirmation Number is your assurance that you have entered the draw.** Record your Confirmation Number in the space below.

Confirmation Number: _ _ _ _ _ _

Step 7 Stay on the line to confirm your postal code to ensure that you receive your Controlled Deer Hunt Validation Tag if you are successful in the draw. If your postal code is not correct. Call the Outdoors Card Centre as soon as possible during regular business hours (1-800-387-7011) to update your address. Your address can also be updated 24 hours a day at: *www.outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca*.

At the end of the call you will be told the number of people who have been applied to your group (including yourself).

Keep this worksheet for your files.

INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT INSTRUCTIONS AND WORKSHEET

The instructions and worksheet provided below will assist you with the telephone application process. **Fill in the worksheet spaces before you call**, and keep the worksheet in front of you during the call so you can record your Confirmation Number. Your Confirmation Number is your assurance that you have been entered in the draw. **Before the call** you need to record your Outdoors Card Number and choice(s) of Hunt Code. The table titled *Hunt Codes for the 2006 Controlled Deer Draw Telephone Application System* is found on page 69.

STEP 1 Call **1-800-288-1155** between August 1 and August 31, 2006. This telephone line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week until 11:55 p.m. (EDT), August 31. (We recommend that you call early in the application period. Do not wait until the last day.) When the system prompts you, choose the Controlled Deer Draw option.

Step 2 When the system prompts you, choose the option to apply as an Individual.

Step 3 After the prompt, enter your 15-digit (hunting version) Outdoors Card Number. Your Outdoors Card Number is:

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Step 4 After the prompts, enter your first choice Hunt Code, and your second choice Hunt Code (if you have one).

Please note: The responsibility for correctly entering the Hunt Code(s) rests solely with the applicant. Listen to your choice(s) carefully before confirming them. You will be given the opportunity during the call to change your selection(s) if you have made a mistake.

	WMU	Season	**Hunt Code**
First Choice			
Second Choice			

Step 5 Stay on the line while the system provides you with your Confirmation Number. **Your Confirmation Number is your assurance that you have entered the draw.** Record your Confirmation Number in the space below.

Confirmation Number: _ _ _ _ _ _

Step 6 Stay on the line to confirm your postal code to ensure that you receive your Controlled Deer Hunt Validation Tag if you are successful in the draw. If your postal code is not correct, call the Outdoors Card Centre as soon as possible during regular business hours (1-800-387-7011) to update your address. Your address can also be updated 24 hours a day at: *www.outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca*.

Keep this worksheet for your files.

Applying by Paper Application

Hunters who wish to apply for a controlled deer hunt validation tag using a paper application may obtain an application from a ServiceOntario office. For a list of Wildlife Management Units in which controlled deer hunts will be held, see page 72.

The paper application has spaces on it for up to four hunters to apply to a controlled hunt as a group. The same application may be used by an individual hunter. Individuals have the same chance to receive a tag as group applicants.

To be eligible for the draw, your completely and correctly filled out paper application and the carbon copy must be received at a ServiceOntario office by the **deadline of 5:00 p.m. on August 31, 2006.** If your application is delivered by courier, registered mail or through the regular or government mail, it is suggested that you allow at least five business days for its delivery. **All late applications will be rejected from the draw without exception.**

Remember, do not submit a paper application if you have already applied to the draw by telephone, or if you are a member of a group which has decided to apply by telephone.

You Will Not Qualify for This Year's Draw If:

- More than one application (either by phone or on paper) is submitted in your name
- Your Outdoors Card is not valid
- The application is not complete (for example, if the sub-unit of the WMU, or season choice is not indicated where necessary)
- The application is for an invalid WMU or season
- The writing is not legible
- The application is received late
- Your hunting licence privileges are under suspension.

The responsibility for entering a complete and correct application rests with the hunter. If you have any questions about your application, or the application process, more information is available from MNR district and area offices that offer controlled deer hunts. For a list of MNR offices that offer controlled deer hunts, refer to page 72.

Draw Results Telephone Line

Draw applicants may call the toll-free Draw Results Telephone Line at **1-800-288-1155** to determine the results of the Controlled Deer Hunt Validation Tag Draw. This automated line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week from October 15 until December 31. Hunters will need their 15-digit Outdoors Card number to access their draw record.

The Mailing of Validation Tags

Only successful draw applicants will be notified by mail. If you have called the Draw Results Telephone Line and you were successful in the draw, but have not received your validation tag, contact the Ministry of Natural Resources office which serves your area. You can get a duplicate validation tag through a ServiceOntario office only after signing a declaration and verifying your address information. After the season starts, duplicate tags will be issued only at the discretion of the ministry.

With your tag you will receive a Controlled Deer Hunt Report. **It is mandatory that every person who receives a controlled deer hunt validation tag complete and return the Report to the MNR office which offered the hunt** (see address on the back of the Report) **within two weeks of the hunt.** On the form you will be asked to report the number of deer and wild turkeys you saw while hunting, as well as details of your deer harvest.

Farmer and Landowner Deadline for a Controlled Hunt Validation Tag

Farmers and landowners may submit one (1) application for a controlled deer hunt validation tag if:

- They own 20 hectares (50 acres) or more of land in a Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) that is offering a controlled hunt
  OR
- Their occupation is farming and they have an Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food Farm Business Registration Number (or letter of exemption from the Farm Organization Accreditation Tribunal) in a WMU that is offering a controlled hunt
  OR
- They are the owner or the sole designated representative (president, vice-president, treasurer or secretary) of a company which owns a parcel of land of 20 hectares (50 acres) or more in the WMU that is offering a controlled deer hunt.

Farmers and landowners meeting one of these criteria will be issued a validation tag if:

- They hold a valid hunting version Ontario Outdoors Card AND
- They submit an application to a government office (page 96) in the area of the hunt **before 5:00 p.m. on October 2, 2006.**

An immediate relative of the farmer or landowner meeting the above criteria also qualifies to receive a controlled deer hunt validation tag. An application signed by the **landowner** must be submitted to the MNR office that administers the controlled hunt in which the hunter wishes to take part. "Immediate relative" when used in reference to a person, means that person's grandparent, parent, spouse, child, sibling or grandchild.

2006 Deer Hunts with Controlled Hunter Numbers* (No Dogs)

You must have a controlled deer hunt validation tag for the selected WMU and season before participating in these hunts.

WMU(s)	Resident – Open Season	Non-resident – Open Season	Conditions (Restrictions Only)
53B	Nov. 6 to Nov. 10	No season	Shotguns and Muzzle-loading guns only
69A2, 70	Dec. 4 to Dec. 10	No season	Shotguns and Muzzle-loading guns only
76A*	Nov. 6 to Nov. 10 Dec. 4 to Dec. 8	No season	Rifles, shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only
76B*, 76C*, 76D	Nov. 6 to Nov. 10 Dec. 4 to Dec. 8	No season	Shotguns and Muzzle-loading guns only
76E*	Nov. 6 to Nov. 10 Dec. 4 to Dec. 8	No season	Muzzle-loading guns only
77A**, 77B*, 77C, 78A, 78B	Nov. 6 to Nov. 10 Dec. 4 to Dec. 8	No season	Shotguns and Muzzle-loading guns only
79C, 79D	Nov. 6 to Nov. 10	No season	Shotguns and Muzzle-loading guns only
80	Nov. 6 to Nov. 12	No season	Shotguns and Muzzle-loading guns only
80	Dec. 4 to Dec. 10	No season	Archery and Muzzle-loading guns only
81A, 81B	Nov. 6 to Nov. 10 Dec. 4 to Dec. 8	No season	Shotguns and Muzzle-loading guns only
85A, 85B, 85C	Nov. 6 to Nov. 12 Dec. 4 to Dec. 10	No season	Shotguns and Muzzle-loading guns only
86A, 86B	Dec. 4 to Dec. 10	No season	Shotguns and Muzzle-loading guns only
87B, 87C, 87D, 87E	Nov. 6 to Nov. 12	No season	Shotguns and Muzzle-loading guns only
89A, 89B, 90A, 90B, 91A, 91B	Nov. 6 to Nov. 12 Dec. 4 to Dec. 10	No season	Shotguns and Muzzle-loading guns only
91A, 91B	Nov. 20 to Nov. 26	No season	Muzzle-loading guns only
92A, 92B, 92C, 92D	Nov. 6 to Nov. 12 Nov. 20 to Nov. 26 Dec. 4 to Dec. 10	No season	Muzzle-loading guns only
93A, 93B	Dec. 4 to Dec. 10	No season	Shotguns and Muzzle-loading guns only
93C	Contact Chatham Area Office	No season	Shotguns and Muzzle-loading guns only
94B	Nov. 6 to Nov. 7	No season	Shotguns and Muzzle-loading guns only

* Validation tags for the December hunt in units marked with an asterisk (*) are for antlered deer only.
** Hunt administered by CFB Borden.

For more information on the following WMUs contact the appropriate district/area offices listed below:

53B contact the Bracebridge office
69A, 70 contact the Kingston office
76, 77, 81 contact the Midhurst office
78, 79 contact the Aurora office
80, 87 contact the Guelph office
85, 86 contact the Clinton office
89 contact the Vineland office
90, 91, 92 contact the Aylmer office
93, 94 contact the Chatham office

Telephone numbers for the above ministry offices are listed on page 96 of this booklet.

2005 Controlled Deer Hunt Validation Tag Draw Results

WMU	Season	Quota	Application 1st Choice	Successful 1st Choice	WMU	Season	Quota	Application 1st Choice	Successful 1st Choice
53B	1	140	224	142	86A	3	400	372	372
69A	3	1,000	954	954	86B	3	425	399	399
70	3	1,370	1,366	1,366	87B	1	550	396	396
76A	1	500	429	429	87C	1	350	238	238
76A	3	210	152	152	87D	1	750	649	649
76B	1	400	346	346	87E	1	400	343	343
76B	3	175	195	176	89A	1	900	887	887
76C	1	675	669	669	89A	3	600	274	274
76C	3	175	154	154	89B	1	1,100	1,323	1,100
76D	1	400	349	349	89B	3	600	439	439
76D	3	200	199	199	90A	1	512	512	512
76E	1	40	6	6	90A	3	550	533	533
76E	3	40	21	21	90B	1	1,200	1,141	1,141
77B	1	550	681	550	90B	3	1,250	1,236	1,236
77B	3	200	213	201	91A	1	500	392	392
77C	1	350	400	351	91A	2	100	36	36
77C	3	100	184	100	91A	3	450	410	410
78A	1	600	566	566	91B	1	550	465	465
78A	3	500	484	484	91B	2	100	72	72
78B	1	650	519	519	91B	3	575	575	575
78B	3	450	408	408	92A	1	200	168	168
79C	1	400	298	298	92A	2	225	179	179
79D	1	175	104	104	92A	3	250	192	192
80	1	2,220	2,198	2,198	92B	1	550	550	550
80	3	350	204	204	92B	2	400	393	393
81A	1	600	610	600	92B	3	479	479	479
81A	3	150	166	150	92C	1	300	219	219
81B	1	800	749	749	92C	2	200	192	192
81B	3	375	316	316	92C	3	225	188	188
85A	1	675	594	594	92D	1	450	352	352
85A	3	400	332	332	92D	2	250	234	234
85B	1	1,200	1,083	1,083	92D	3	350	334	334
85B	3	600	556	556	93A	3	325	702	328
85C	1	600	539	539	93B	3	100	131	102
85C	3	400	328	328	94B	1	125	198	125

Tentative Controlled Deer Hunt Season Start Dates for 2007 and 2008

You must have a controlled deer hunt validation tag for the selected WMU and season before participating in these hunts.

Season	WMU(s)	2007 Start	2008 Start
Deer Rifle, Shotgun, Muzzle-loader Controlled Seasons	76A	Season 1 - Nov. 5 Season 3 - Dec. 3	Season 1 - Nov. 3 Season 3 - Dec. 1
Deer Shotgun, Muzzle-loader Controlled Seasons	53B, 79C, 79D, 80, 87B, 87C, 87D, 87E	Nov. 5	Nov. 3
Deer Shotgun, Muzzle-loader Controlled Seasons	76B, 76C, 76D, 77B, 77C, 78A, 78B, 81A, 81B, 85A, 85B, 85C, 89A, 89B, 90A, 90B, 91A, 91B	Season 1 - Nov. 5 Season 3 - Dec. 3	Season 1 - Nov. 3 Season 3 - Dec. 1
Deer Shotgun, Muzzle-loader Controlled Seasons	69A2, 70, 86A, 86B, 93A, 93B	Dec. 3	Dec. 1
Deer Shotgun, Muzzle-loader Controlled Seasons	94B	Nov. 5	Nov. 3
Deer Archery, Muzzle-loader Controlled Seasons	80	Dec. 3	Dec. 1
Deer Muzzle-loader Controlled Seasons	76E	Season 1 - Nov. 5 Season 3 - Dec. 3	Season 1 - Nov. 3 Season 3 - Dec. 1
Deer Muzzle-loader Controlled Seasons	91A, 91B	Season 2 - Nov. 19	Season 2 - Nov. 17
Deer Muzzle-loader Controlled Seasons	92A, 92B, 92C, 92D	Season 1 - Nov. 5 Season 2 - Nov. 19 Season 3 - Dec. 3	Season 1 - Nov. 3 Season 2 - Nov. 17 Season 3 - Dec. 1

Black Bear Regulations

Licence Fees (GST is included in all fees)

1. **Resident's licence tag to hunt black bear** **$36.00**
   Residents must complete a mandatory questionnaire and return it to MNR by December 15 of the year of the hunt.
2. **Resident's second game seal to hunt black bear (selected WMUs only) (available from ServiceOntario)** **$36.00**
3. **Non-resident's licence to hunt black bear** **$180.00**
   Non-residents must have a Black Bear Hunting Licence Validation Certificate as well as a black bear hunting licence. They must also complete the hunt report that comes with the certificate and return it to the issuer of the certificate by November 30 of the year of hunt.
4. **Dog licence** **$10.25**
5. **Licence to provide black bear hunting services** **$35.00**

NOTE: It is illegal for a hunter to purchase more than one licence tag (resident) or licence (non-resident) to hunt black bear. A resident hunter may hold a maximum of two black bear game seals.

Export Permits (See also Export and Shipping, page 27)
These permits are required to export from Ontario any part of a black bear.

Non-resident's Export Permit **$35.00**
Resident's Export Permit . . . . . **no charge**
CITES Export Permit . . . . . **no charge**

This permit is required by resident and non-resident hunters to export from Canada any part of a bear.
See exception on page 76. For more information on CITES see *www.cites.ca*.

Information for All Black Bear Hunters

Firearms

Big game, including black bears, may only be hunted with a firearm (this includes bows). If you are hunting deer or moose at the same time you are hunting black bears, you may only use or carry a firearm of the type permitted for deer or moose, as the case may be, at that time in that WMU.

The following **cannot** be used for hunting black bears:

- A rim-fire rifle
- A shotgun smaller than 20 gauge when loaded with shot
- Any shotgun loaded with shot smaller than SG or No. 1 buck.

When archery hunting for bear you must not possess or use archery equipment other than the following:

Crossbows:

- Draw length must be at least 300 mm (11.8 in.).
- Draw weight must be at least 54 kg (119 lbs.).
- Bolt head must be at least 22 mm (0.87 in.) at the widest point.
- There must be at least two cutting edges of straight, sharp, unserrated, barbless steel.

Bows (compound, recurve, long):

- Draw weight must be at least 22 kg (48.5 lbs.) at draw length of 700 mm (27.6 in.) or less.
- Arrow length must be at least 600 mm (23.6 in.).
- Arrow head must be at least 22 mm (0.87 in.) at the widest point.
- There must be at least two cutting edges of straight, sharp, unserrated, barbless steel.

For information on measuring draw length and arrow length, refer to page 21 under "Firearms".

Party Hunting for Black Bears

The term "party hunting for black bears" means two or more persons hunting during an open season for black bears **under all of the following conditions:**

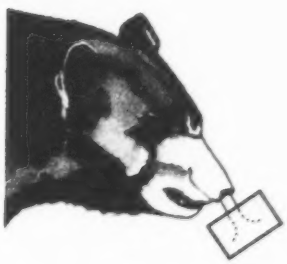
- Each person has a valid licence to hunt black bears.
- The total number of black bears killed by the party does not exceed the total number of game seals held by the members of the party licensed to hunt black bears.
- All members of the party hunt together in the same wildlife management unit as the person who holds the valid game seal.
- Each member of the party hunts within five kilometres of the person who holds the game seal that is valid for the black bear being hunted.
- Each member of the party must be able to reliably and immediately communicate with other members of the party.
- All members of the party, including the person who holds the seal that is valid for the black bear that the party is hunting, actively participate in the hunt and hunt co-operatively.

The person who kills the black bear while hunting in a party shall immediately notify all other members of the party that the black bear has been killed.

A person may hunt in a party even if the person has previously attached his or her game seal to a black bear.

SEALING A BLACK BEAR

Instructions for attaching the Game Seal



1. Pierce the cartilage separating the nostrils.
2. Insert the string/twine through the hole such that the two ends are left exposed.
3. Peel the backing from the game seal.
4. Place the game seal over the string/twine as in illustration.
5. Press the surfaces together to seal securely.
6. Notch out the month, date and time of the kill.

Sealing and Transporting Black Bears

Once you have killed a black bear, you must immediately after the kill and at the kill site securely attach the game seal to the animal. The seal must remain attached while transporting the carcass.

You must notch out the month, date and time of the kill on the game seal.

If party hunting for black bears, the member whose game seal is to be used must, immediately after the kill and at the kill site, securely attach the game seal to the animal in the manner prescribed on the seal.

Only the hunter whose game seal is to be used is allowed to attach the game seal to the black bear. It is illegal to transfer a game seal in order to seal a black bear.

Other Black Bear Hunting Regulations

It is illegal to hunt black bears while they are swimming.

It is illegal to hunt black bears within 400 m (437 yd.) of a waste disposal site, regardless of whether the land is Crown or private.

It is illegal to shoot or interfere with black bears in their dens, or damage or destroy their dens.

It is illegal to possess a bear gallbladder that has been separated from the bear carcass. Leave the gallbladder with the entrails after field dressing your bear.

Dogs used to hunt black bears or accompanying you when hunting black bears must be licensed.

Export and Shipping

Residents and non-residents must have an Ontario export permit to export a black bear or any part thereof from Ontario. You may obtain an export permit from most ServiceOntario offices in the area where the animal has been taken and from specific commercial licence issuers. You should obtain the necessary export permits before reaching a border point to avoid any inconvenience. An Ontario resident may temporarily transport a black bear out of Ontario without an export permit if the resident is on the way to a location in Ontario and does not leave any part of the black bear outside Ontario.

A non-resident must pay $35.00 for an export permit.

Export permits have sub-permits attached to them for exporting a part or parts of the animal for which an export permit has been issued. You may use up to three sub-permits for this purpose. Receptacles containing game wildlife or specially protected wildlife that are being shipped or transported to points inside or outside Ontario must have the names and addresses of the sender and receiver, and a list of the contents written on the outside.

In some instances, both a CITES and a Provincial Export permit are required.

Except as outlined below, a resident or non-resident black bear hunter must also obtain a Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) export permit through an MNR office when a black bear or its parts are being exported from Canada. CITES is an international agreement which regulates trade in a number of species of animals including black bears, their parts and derivatives, and any articles made from them.

A Canadian CITES export permit is no longer required for U.S. or Canadian resident bear hunters transporting their black bear in a fresh, frozen or salted condition back to the U.S. or through the U.S. en route to another part of Canada at the conclusion of their hunt. The black bear must be part of the hunter's accompanying baggage. **NOTE:** materials sent as cargo, even if on the same flight as the hunter, are considered commercial and must be accompanied by CITES permits. This exemption does not apply to taxidermy mounts or black bears that are in any condition other than fresh, frozen or salted.

CITES export permits are still required for ALL black bear exports to countries other than the United States.

CITES permits are not normally available near border crossings and, consequently, hunters are advised to obtain any required permits from a source closest to where they are hunting.

CITES export permits are available free of charge.

In some countries, importation of black bears is restricted. Requirements for importation should be determined by the exporter.

For more information on CITES see *www.cites.ca*

BLACK BEAR HUNTERS – WE NEED YOUR HELP

Successful black bear hunters can assist the Ministry of Natural Resources in determining the age structure of local bear populations by submitting for analysis two premolar teeth from each bear harvested. This information provides data necessary for the sustainable management of the species.

In return for your support of wildlife management efforts, you will receive an Ontario Bear Hunter Crest, and information about the age of your bear(s) will be mailed to your home address usually within six months. Please contact the MNR office in the area in which you will be hunting, or your bear operator, for more information.

Premolar teeth should be extracted shortly after the animal has been killed while the jaw is still pliable. The first premolar is a small, single-rooted peg-like tooth located just behind the canines. To remove the tooth push the blade of a knife down along all sides of the tooth between it and the gum. Gently loosen the tooth by rocking it back and forth using the canine for leverage, then carefully remove the tooth using pliers. Care should be taken when extracting the tooth to ensure that the root is not broken.

Information for Resident Black Bear Hunters

Resident hunters are required to report their black bear hunting activity and harvest by completing a mandatory questionnaire and mailing it to MNR by December 15 of the year of the hunt. The mandatory questionnaire is included on page 77 of this publication. A copy can also be obtained by visiting a ServiceOntario office, or from the MNR website at *http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/mnr/fwmenu.html*.

A resident hunter must complete the mandatory questionnaire, place it in an envelope, and mail it to MNR, Big Game Assessment Program, 1350 High Falls Road, Bracebridge ON P1L 1W9 by December 15 of the year of the hunt.

WMU-specific **second game seals for black bears** may be available to resident bear hunters in WMUs where there are no sustainability concerns. The second game seal allows a resident hunter to harvest a second black bear. These seals are available from ServiceOntario offices. You can contact a local MNR office in August of the year of the hunt for information on WMUs where second game seals are available. **It is illegal to hunt in a WMU not specified on the game seal when hunting black bears under a second game seal.**

2006 Mandatory Questionnaire for Resident Black Bear Hunters

Regulations under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997, require that resident black bear hunters complete the mandatory questionnaire below and submit it to the MNR by **December 15, 2006.**

At the end of your hunting activity for the year, please complete the questionnaire below, and tear off this page and mail it in an envelope to the following address:

MNR
Big Game Harvest Assessment Program
1350 High Falls Road
Bracebridge ON P1L 1W9

Copies of this questionnaire can also be obtained from ServiceOntario offices or from the MNR website at *http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/mnr/fwmenu.html.*

Personal information contained on this form is requested under the authority of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997, and will be used for the purposes of black bear harvest assessment and management. Questions about the collection of this information should be referred to: MNR Wildlife Surveys Officer, 1350 High Falls Road, Bracebridge, ON P1L 1W9, telephone (705) 646-5541.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Your Outdoors Card Number is:

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Resident Black Bear Hunting Licence No.

B ☐☐☐☐☐

1. (a) Did you specifically hunt for bears in 2006? ☐ Yes ☐ No

   (b) Did you hunt bears while deer or moose hunting? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. For each Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) in which you hunted bears in 2006, provide the following information relating to your activities **while bear hunting** (if the answer is none, enter the number "0"):

	WMU ☐☐☐	**WMU** ☐☐☐	**WMU** ☐☐☐
Number of days spent hunting bears			
Number of live bears seen while bear hunting			

3. Did you attach the **bear game seal that came with your licence** to a bear (no matter who shot the bear)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

   If yes,

   (a) What sex was the bear? ☐ Female ☐ Male

   (b) In which Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) was the bear shot? **WMU** ☐☐☐

   (c) On what date was the bear shot? ☐☐ / ☐☐
   month day

4. Did you purchase a second bear game seal in 2006? ☐ Yes ☐ No

   If you did not purchase a second bear game seal, you have completed your questionnaire.
   If you purchased a second seal, please respond to the following questions:

   (a) Did you attach this seal to another bear (no matter who shot the bear)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

   If yes,

   (b) What sex was the bear? ☐ Female ☐ Male

   (c) In which WMU was the bear shot? **WMU** ☐☐☐

   (d) On what date was the bear shot? ☐☐ / ☐☐
   month day

Thank you for your co-operation in providing this valuable information.

Please voluntarily submit two premolar teeth (see diagram on page 76 of this summary) from your bear(s) for age analysis, and you will receive a bear hunter crest and information on the age of your bear(s). Teeth should be placed in the envelope along with the completed questionnaire, and mailed to the address above or dropped off at an MNR office.

Information for Non-resident Black Bear Hunters

A non-resident who wishes to a hunt a black bear in Ontario must have a Black Bear Hunting Licence Validation Certificate (white copy) to validate their non-resident black bear hunting licence. This certificate can be obtained from a bear operator (operator of a tourist establishment, guide or air carrier) licensed in Ontario to provide black bear hunting services to non-residents.

The following non-residents are not required to use a licensed bear operator:

- A non-resident hunting with an immediate relative who is an Ontario resident licensed to hunt a black bear in a Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) that has an open season for non-residents. Immediate relative, when used in reference to a person, means that person's grandparent, parent, spouse, child, sibling or grandchild.
- A non-resident who is the owner of property in a WMU that has an open black bear season for non-residents.

A non-resident who qualifies under either of these two exceptions MUST still apply for the validation certificate at an MNR office in the area of the hunt. A non-resident black bear hunting licence is not valid unless a validation certificate accompanies it. Where a property is owned by more than one person or by a corporation, only one validation certificate will be issued. The non-resident landowner can hunt only in the WMU where the property is located. See also Licence Information, page 13.

A non-resident hunter using the bear hunting services of an operator licensed to provide black bear hunting services must hunt only in the areas designated on the Black Bear Hunting Licence Validation Certificate received from the operator. These areas can include Crown or private land located within a Bear Management Area (BMA) assigned to the operator, and private land located within a WMU designated on the operator's licence. The licence to provide black bear hunting services does not permit the operator to provide hunting services on private land located within a BMA licensed to another operator. The operator must have permission of the landowner in order to provide bear hunting services to clients on private land.

Non-resident hunters are required to report their black bear hunting activity and harvest by November 30 of the year of the hunt. To report, the hunter must return to the issuer and: (1) complete, sign and date the hunter mandatory report on the pink copy of the Black Bear Hunting Licence Validation Certificate held by the issuer, (2) return the pink, yellow and green copies to the issuer (licenced bear operator or MNR office), and (3) retain the white copy for his/her records. It is the responsibility of the issuer to return the hunter's completed mandatory report to MNR.

ATTENTION ALL HUNTERS

If you harvest an animal wearing an ear-tag that contains phone number 1-866-514-2327, this animal was chemically immobilized in the past using veterinary drugs. Health Canada has established recommended guidelines for consumption. Please call the above number for specific information on whether Health Canada would recommend that the meat of your animal be consumed.

2006 Black Bear Seasons
Rifles, Shotguns, Archery and Muzzle-loaders

WMU(s)	Resident – Open Season	Non-resident – Open Season	Conditions (Restrictions Only)
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7B, 8, 9A, 9B, 10, 11A, 11B, 12A, 12B, 13, 14, 15A, 15B, 16A, 16B, 16C, 17, 18A, 18B, 19, 21A, 21B, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45	Aug. 15 to Oct. 31	Aug. 15 to Oct. 31	
7A	Aug. 15 to Oct. 31	Aug. 15 to Oct. 31	Archery and muzzle-loaders only
46, 47, 49, 50, 53A, 53B, 64, 66, 67, 69A, 69B, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 83, the geographic townships of Keppel and Sarawak in 82A and the geographic township of Amabel in 84	Sept. 5 to Nov. 30	Sept. 5 to Nov. 30	
48, 54, 55A, 55B, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 68	Sept. 1 to Nov. 30	Sept. 1 to Nov. 30	

Small Game Regulations

Licence Fees (GST is included in all fees)

1. **Resident's licence tag to hunt small game** **$19.00**
   This licence authorizes a resident to hunt game birds (other than wild turkey) and game mammals (except bear, caribou, deer, elk, moose). Under this licence you may also hunt coyote*, wolf*, raccoon, red fox, arctic fox, gray fox, skunk, opossum and weasel. You also need it to hunt on game bird hunting preserves. A small game licence also permits you to hunt American crow, brown-headed cowbird, common grackle, house sparrow, red-winged blackbird or starlings. This licence is not valid in northern Ontario and part of central Ontario from June 16 to August 31 (see Map 2 pages 8 and 9 for more details). **NOTE:** Residents who purchase a small game licence over the Internet at *www.outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca* can use it immediately to enjoy the open season.

2. **Resident's raccoon licence to hunt raccoon at night** **$17.50**
   If you wish to hunt raccoon at night, you must carry your raccoon licence and your Outdoors Card that has a small game licence tag attached. You can only use a .22 calibre rim-fire chambered to .22 short, .22 long or .22 long rifle for hunting raccoon at night. You must be accompanied by a dog licensed for raccoon hunting.

3. **Resident's dog (raccoon) licence** **$10.25**

4. **Non-resident's small game licence** **$90.00**
   This licence authorizes a non-resident to hunt fox, game birds (except wild turkey), rabbits and hares in most areas, raccoon (though not at night), wolf*, coyote* and black, gray and fox squirrels but not red squirrels. The non-resident's small game licence also authorizes the holder to hunt game birds on game bird hunting preserves. This licence does not authorize the holder to hunt American crow, brown-headed cowbird, common grackle, house sparrow, red-winged blackbirds or starlings. However, you can hunt wild turkey if you possess a wild turkey licence in addition to a non-resident small game licence. This licence is not valid in northern Ontario and part of central Ontario from June 16 to August 31 (see Map 2 pages 8 and 9 for more details).

   A non-resident's licence does not allow you to hunt rabbits in the county of Lambton, the Municipality of Chatham/Kent, or the county of Essex, except in the Township of Pelee.

5. **Non-resident's licence to hunt game birds on a game bird hunting preserve** **$15.00**
   To hunt game birds including wild turkeys on a game bird hunting preserve **only**, a non-resident may wish to purchase this licence rather than a non-resident's small game licence.

* See wolf/coyote on page 4 for additional requirements.

Firearms

In an area where there is an open season for deer, moose or black bear, if you are the holder of a small game licence you may not possess or use a rifle of greater calibre or projectile power than a .22 calibre rim-fire rifle chambered to .22 short, .22 long or .22 long rifle or shells loaded with ball or with shot larger than No. 2 shot (or if using non-toxic shot, you may not use steel shot larger than triple BBB steel shot, or bismuth shot that is larger than double BB bismuth shot), unless you possess a valid licence to hunt deer, moose or black bear as the case may be. The above does not apply to the holder of a small game licence, hunting small game only south of the French and Mattawa Rivers during an open season for deer that is restricted to the use of bows.

You may not use a rifle of greater calibre than .275, except a flintlock or percussion cap muzzle-loading gun, for hunting small game in the counties of: Brant, Elgin, Essex, Huron, Lambton, Middlesex, Northumberland, Oxford, Perth and Wellington and the regional municipalities of Chatham/ Kent, Durham, Haldimand-Norfolk, Halton, Hamilton-Wentworth, Niagara, Peel, Waterloo and York and the City of Toronto.

Export and Shipping

Small game with the exception of furbearing mammals (see page 84) may be exported under the authority of the small game licence. Receptacles containing game wildlife or specially protected wildlife that are being shipped or transported to points inside or outside Ontario must have the names and addresses of the sender and receiver, and a list of the contents written on the outside.

Game Birds

You may hunt and possess wild turkey, pheasant, ruffed grouse, sharp-tailed grouse, spruce grouse, ptarmigan, Hungarian partridge and northern bobwhite. Check the tables for bag and possession limits. **You require a special licence to hunt wild turkey.**

You may only hunt game birds identified in the tables. In addition, Ontario residents may hunt American crow, brown-headed cowbird, red-winged blackbird, common grackle, starling and house sparrows.

Migratory Game Birds

The Migratory Birds Convention Act and its regulations govern hunting of migratory game birds. **It is illegal to hunt migratory birds within 400 m (437 yd.) of where bait has been deposited unless that place has been free of bait for at least seven days.**

When transporting migratory game birds, a fully feathered wing must remain attached until the bird is prepared for immediate consumption.

Migratory Game Bird Licensing

(waterfowl, common moorhens, American coots, common snipe, woodcock and rails [other than yellow and king rails])

You must have a federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit and a Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp, as well as an Ontario licence to hunt small game in order to take migratory game birds. This includes hunting with falconry birds and non-indigenous falconry birds. You may buy a Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp at most post offices. See page 83 for more information regarding falconry.

Specially Protected Birds

You must not shoot specially protected birds or interfere with the eggs and nests of game birds and specially protected birds. (See Definitions, pages 94-95 and Endangered Species, page 26).

Game Bird Hunting Preserves

You may hunt pheasant, northern bobwhite and wild turkey throughout the year on game bird hunting preserves. You must arrange with the owner as to when you can hunt. Ontario residents need a licence to hunt small game when hunting on a preserve.

A non-resident hunter needs either a non-resident's licence to hunt game birds on a game bird hunting preserve or a non-resident's licence to hunt small game.

Pheasant

TOWNSHIP / MUNICIPALITY LICENCES – A township licence is required in addition to a provincial licence for hunting pheasant in regulated townships (see maps). Contact the municipal clerk for issuance of township licences and information on firearm restrictions. Hunting of pheasants with a rifle is prohibited.

WMU(s)	Open Season	Daily Limit	Hours
2-10, 11A, 11B, 12-41, 45	Sept. 15 to Dec. 15	3 of either sex	1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset
42-44, 46-50, 53-59, 61-67, 69B	Sept. 20 to Dec. 15	3 of either sex	
60, 68, 69A, 70-77, 81-86	Sept. 25 to Dec. 15	3 of either sex	
78	Oct. 11 to Dec. 15	3 of either sex	8 a.m. to 1/2 hour after sunset
88	Oct. 25 to Nov. 4	3 cocks	
79, 80, 87	Oct. 18 to Dec. 15	3, one hen limit	
89, 90, 91, 92	Oct. 18 to Dec. 15	3 of either sex	1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset
93	Oct. 25 to Dec. 15	3, one hen limit	
94	Oct. 25 to Oct. 28	2 cocks	
95	Oct. 19, 20, 26, 27 Nov. 2, 3	Daily & Possession Limit 10 of either sex	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
	Nov. 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 30 Dec. 1, 2	Daily & Possession Limit 5 of either sex	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
	Jan. 1 to the last day of February, in any year	Daily & Possession Limit 5 of either sex	1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset

Sharp-Tailed Grouse and Ptarmigan

WMU(s)	Open Season	Daily Limit	Possession Limit
1	Sept. 5 to Mar. 31 of the next year	For all WMUs: 5 Sharp-tailed Grouse and 5 Ptarmigan	For all WMUs: 15 Sharp-tailed Grouse and 15 Ptarmigan
2-9, 11A, 11B, 12-16, 19, 20, 21	Sept. 15 to Dec. 31		
10, 32-39, 41, 45	Sept. 15 to Dec. 15		
17, 18, 22-31, 40	Sept. 15 to Mar. 31 of the next year		
42-44, 46-50, 53-59	Sept. 20 to Dec. 15		
61-67, 69B	Sept. 20 to Dec. 31		
60, 68, 69A, 70, 71	Sept. 25 to Dec. 31		

Ruffed Grouse and Spruce Grouse

WMU(s)	Open Season	Daily Limit	Possession Limit
1	Sept. 5 to Dec. 31	For all WMUs: combined total of 5	For all WMUs: combined total of 15
2-10, 11A, 11B, 12-31	Sept. 15 to Dec. 31		
32-41, 45	Sept. 15 to Dec. 15		
42-44, 46-50, 53-59	Sept. 20 to Dec. 15		
61-67, 69B	Sept. 20 to Dec. 31		
60, 68, 69A, 70, 71	Sept. 25 to Dec. 31		
72-92	Sept. 25 to Jan. 15 of the next year		
93	Oct. 25 to Jan. 15 of the next year		

Hungarian Partridge

WMU(s)	Open Season	Daily Limit	Possession Limit
13	Sept. 15 to Nov. 11	8	16
55-59, 61-67, 69B	Sept. 20 to Nov. 11	8	16
60, 68, 69A, 70-75, 88, 89	Sept. 25 to Nov. 11	8	16
76	Oct. 21 to Oct. 27	8	16
87, 90	Oct. 18 to Dec. 15	8	16

Northern Bobwhite

WMU(s)	Open Season	Daily Limit	Possession Limit
65	Sept. 20 to Dec.15	3	6

Hunters – Are You Moving Firewood?

To date over 15 million ash trees are dead or dying in the United States and Canada due to Emerald Ash Borer infestation. Over 130,000 ash trees have been removed from Essex County and Chatham-Kent to help slow the spread of Emerald Ash Borer. Another 15,000 maple and other hardwood trees have been removed in the Toronto and Vaughan area to help control the spread of Asian Longhorned Beetle.

Hunters, you can help prevent the spread of these and other invasive species by contacting your local Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) office **prior to moving firewood** of any tree species. It has been shown that the movement of firewood has directly contributed to the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer. Firewood may contain insect pests and plant diseases that could easily spread to other forest locations. **The best way to protect your forest is to use local firewood from the area where you are hunting.**

The CFIA strictly controls the movement of firewood from pest-regulated areas of Canada. As a result, **at the time of printing of this information, the CFIA has placed all of Essex County and parts of Chatham-Kent, Lambton County, and Elgin County under quarantine to control the spread of Emerald Ash Borer. Firewood from anywhere in the United States is not permitted entry into Canada without a permit from the CFIA.**

The CFIA can advise you on quarantine locations where firewood movement is restricted. The CFIA can be reached at **1-866-463-6017**, or **519-776-5483**. You can also visit their website: *www.inspection.gc.ca*.

For more information on invasive species affecting Ontario's forests, visit *www.ontarioforests.gov.on.ca* or contact your local MNR office.

Small Mammals

Furbearing Mammals

You may only hunt the furbearing mammals listed on the table below under the authority of your small game licence. Note that a small game licence is not valid in northern Ontario and parts of central Ontario (as shown on Map 2, pp 8-9) from June 16 to August 31.

If you wish to hunt raccoons at night, you must carry your licence to hunt raccoon at night and your Outdoors Card with a small game licence. You must also be accompanied by a dog licensed for raccoon hunting. You can only use a .22 calibre rim-fire rifle chambered for the following cartridges: .22 short, .22 long or .22 long rifle. Raccoon night hunters must have their guns encased while in the vehicle. A licensed night raccoon hunter may use a light if it is not shone from or attached to a vehicle or boat.

Small game hunters who harvest furbearing mammals during the open season and have not disposed of the pelts by the close of the season must obtain a Licence to Possess a Pelt in order to possess pelts during the closed season. This licence is available at MNR offices.

Royalty is payable on all furbearers before the pelts are sent to be tanned or treated, including taxidermied.

Export and Shipping

You must have an Ontario export permit to export any furbearing mammal or its pelt from Ontario. Royalties are payable on all furbearers prior to export from Ontario. The Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) is an international agreement which regulates trade in a number of species of animals and plants, their parts and derivatives, and any articles made from them. You need a CITES permit to export wolf, black bear and several other species from Canada. CITES permits are currently available free of charge from MNR offices.

Furbearing Mammals
which may be taken under the authority of a small game licence

Open Seasons

Species	Area	Open Season
Raccoon	All of Ontario	Oct. 15 to Jan. 15 of the next year
Red Fox	All of Ontario north of French and Mattawa Rivers	Sept. 15 to the last day of Feb. of the next year
	Remainder of Ontario	All Year
Arctic Fox	All of Ontario	Oct. 25 to Mar. 31 of the next year
Gray Fox	All of Ontario	Oct. 25 to last day of Feb. of the next year
Skunk	All of Ontario	All Year
Weasel	All of Ontario	Oct. 25 to the last day of Feb. of the next year
Opossum	All of Ontario	Oct. 25 to Jan. 15 of the next year

* **NOTE:** A small game licence is not valid in northern Ontario and parts of central Ontario (as shown on Map 2, pages 8-9) from June 16 to August 31.

Squirrel Seasons

Gray (Black), Fox

WMU(s)	Open Season	Daily Limit	Possession Limit
36-41, 45	Sept. 15 to Dec. 15	10	10
42-44, 46-50, 53-59, 61-67, 69B	Sept. 20 to Dec. 15	10	10
60, 68, 69A, 70-92	Sept. 25 to Dec. 15	5	10
93, 94	Oct. 25 to Nov. 7	5	10

Rabbit and Hare Seasons

Cottontail Rabbit, European Hare, Varying (Snowshoe) Hare

TOWNSHIP/MUNICIPALITY LICENCES: A township or municipality licence is required in addition to a provincial licence for hunting rabbits in a regulated township (see map). Contact the municipal clerk for issuance of township licences and information on firearm restrictions.

NON-RESIDENTS NOTE: A non-resident's small game licence is not valid for hunting rabbits in the county of Lambton, the Municipality of Chatham / Kent or the county of Essex, except in the Township of Pelee.

WMU(s)	Open Season	Daily Limit
1-10, 11A, 11B, 12-50, 53-59	Sept. 1 to June 15 of the next year	1) Cottontail Rabbit: limit of 6 2) European Hare: limit of 6 3) Varying Hare: • for WMUs 1-50 and 53-59: no limit • for WMUs 60-95: 6 maximum
61-67, 69B	Sept. 20 to Mar. 31 of the next year	
60, 68, 69A, 70, 71, 74, 75	Sept. 25 to Mar. 31 of the next year	
72, 73, 76, 77, 81-86	Sept. 25 to the last day of February of the next year	
78, 79, 80, 87, 90, 91, 92	Oct. 18 to the last day of February of the next year	
88, 89	Oct. 25 to the last day of February of the next year	
93, 94	Oct. 25 to the last day of February of the next year	
95	Jan. 1 to the last day of February	

Falconry

You must have a falconry licence to keep falconry birds in captivity. You also need a valid small game hunting licence to hunt with these birds. All birds must be banded, and you must maintain a logbook and submit an annual report on each bird. Falconry birds are: bald eagle, golden eagle, peregrine falcon, northern goshawk, gyrfalcon, northern harrier, broad-winged hawk, red-shouldered hawk, red-tailed hawk, sharp-shinned hawk, American kestrel, merlin, great horned owl, northern hawk owl, snowy owl and Cooper's hawk. No other specially protected birds (raptors) may be used to hunt.

You do not need a falconry licence to keep non-indigenous falconry birds. However, if you use them for hunting, you must have a valid small game hunting licence. All birds must also be banded, and you must keep a record of the origin of each bird and maintain a logbook. Non-indigenous falconry birds are: prairie falcon, saker falcon, lanner falcon, lagger falcon, Harris' hawk, ferruginous hawk, Swainson's hawk, Bonelli's eagle, European kestrel, European sparrow-hawk, tawny eagle and steppe eagle. No other non-indigenous raptors may be used to hunt.

Wolf and Coyote

Licence Fees (GST is included in all fees)

1. **Resident's licence tag to hunt small game** . . . . . **(available from ServiceOntario) $19.00**
2. **Resident's wolf/coyote game seal (maximum of two per year)** . . . . . **(available from ServiceOntario) $10.00**
3. **Non-resident's small game licence** . . . . . **(available from ServiceOntario) $90.00**
4. **Non-resident's wolf/coyote game seal (maximum of two per year)** . . . . . **(available from ServiceOntario) $250.00**
5. **Licence to possess a pelt** . . . . . **no charge (available at MNR offices)**
6. **Licence to send pelts to a tanner** . . . . . **no charge (available at MNR offices)**
7. **Fur royalty** . . . . . **Wolf: $2.70; coyote: $1.25 (new rates will become effective September 1, 2006)**

A royalty is payable to the province at the time that the hunter obtains a licence to send pelts to a tanner (for tanning or treating), or a licence to export a furbearing mammal.

8. **Export licence for furbearing mammals or their pelts** . . . . . **no charge (available from ServiceOntario offices)**

This permit is required by resident and non-resident hunters to export from Ontario any part of a furbearing mammal.

9. **CITES export permit** . . . . . **no charge (available at MNR offices)**

This permit is required by resident and non-resident hunters to export from Canada any part of a wolf.

For more information on CITES see *www.cites.ca*

See also Export and Shipping, page 85, and Possession of Pelts During the Closed Season, page 85.

Conservation Strategy for Wolves

In 2005, MNR initiated the first provincial strategy for the conservation of Ontario wolves.

The aim of the strategy is to manage, monitor and protect wolf populations within their range, and ensure that the wolf continues to play a key role in Ontario's ecosystems. The strategy builds on the steps already taken to protect the eastern wolf in the area in and around Algonquin Provincial Park.

Key objectives for wolf conservation in Ontario are to:

- Ensure ecologically sustainable wolf populations
- Provide for social, cultural and economic benefits based on ecologically sustainable wolf populations, and
- Increase public awareness and understanding about the role of wolves in natural functioning ecosystems and their conservation.

The wolf strategy includes:

- Development and implementation of a monitoring and research program to determine the status of wolf populations
- Regulatory changes in selected wildlife management units (WMUs) in central and northern Ontario intended to control wolf harvest and provide a mechanism for the collection of vital information to enable future conservation decisions.

The same regulatory changes are extended to coyotes within core wolf range because the ranges of the two species overlap and coyotes are difficult to distinguish from wolves, especially eastern wolves. Regulatory changes do not apply to wolves and coyotes in WMUs south of traditional wolf range.

IMPORTANT NEW REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT HUNTERS

If you are hunting wolves or coyotes in WMUs 1-42, 46-50 and 53-58, the following apply:

- **The wolf/coyote hunting and trapping season is closed from April 1 to September 14**
- **You are required to purchase a wolf/coyote game seal from ServiceOntario in addition to a small game licence for hunting these species**
- **Party hunting of these animals is not permitted**
- **You are required to immediately attach your wolf/coyote game seal to the wolf/coyote you have killed**
- **You can purchase a maximum of two wolf/coyote game seals per calendar year**
- **You must complete and mail a mandatory questionnaire on your wolf/coyote hunting activity and harvest by January 15 of the year following the hunt.**

Other Wolf and Coyote Hunting Regulations

You may only hunt wolves and coyotes under the authority of your small game licence. In WMUs 43-45 and 59-95 only your small game licence is required. In WMUs 1-42, 46-50 and 53-58 you may only hunt wolves and coyotes under the authority of your small game licence accompanied by a wolf/coyote game seal.

You must report your hunting activity and harvest on all wolf/coyote game seals purchased by January 15 of the year following the hunt. Mandatory questionnaires will be mailed to hunters by MNR in December. Hunters should mail their completed mandatory questionnaire to: MNR, Big Game Harvest Assessment Program, 1350 High Falls Road, Bracebridge ON P1L 1W9.

Firearms

In an area where there is an open season for deer, moose or black bear, if you are the holder of a small game licence you may not possess or use a rifle of greater calibre or projectile than a .22 calibre rim-fire rifle chambered to .22 short, .22 long or .22 long rifle or shells loaded with ball or with shot larger than No. 2 shot (or with steel shot larger than triple BBB steel shot or with bismuth shot that is larger than double BB bismuth shot) unless you possess a valid licence to hunt deer, moose or black bear as the case may be. The above does not apply to the holder of a small game licence, hunting small game only south of the French and Mattawa Rivers during an open season for deer that is restricted to the use of bows. You may not use a rifle of greater calibre than .275, except a flintlock or percussion cap muzzle-loading gun, for hunting in the counties of: Brant, Elgin, Essex, Huron Lambton, Middlesex, Northumberland, Oxford, Perth and Wellington and the regional municipalities of Chatham/Kent, Durham, Haldimand-Norfolk, Halton, Hamilton-Wentworth, Niagara, Peel, Waterloo and York and the City of Toronto.

Sealing and Transporting

Party hunting for wolves and coyotes is **not** permitted in WMUs 1-42, 46-50 and 53 to 58. This means that you may hunt cooperatively with several hunters, however each hunter will have to be in possession of a wolf/coyote game seal to hunt wolves/coyotes in these WMUs, and the hunter that harvests the animal must personally seal it and may not continue to participate in the hunt unless in possession of an unfilled second wolf/coyote seal. It is illegal to transfer a wolf/coyote game seal from one hunter in order to seal a wolf or coyote taken by another hunter. **NOTE:** the specific rules around "party hunting" as summarized on page 95 apply only to moose, deer or black bears.

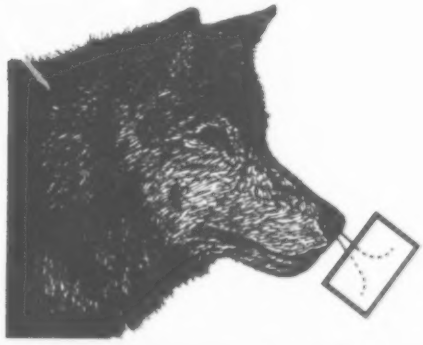
Once you have killed a wolf or coyote under a wolf/coyote game seal, you must **immediately** after the kill and at the kill site securely **attach your game seal** to the animal in the manner prescribed on the seal. The game seal must remain attached while the pelt (on or off the carcass) is being transported.

You must notch out the month, date and time of the kill on the wolf/coyote game seal, at the time of, and at the location of, the kill.

In WMUs 43-45 and 59-95 where a wolf/coyote seal is not required, you may hunt cooperatively in a group or party for wolves or coyotes without restrictions on the number of animals harvested or who can take them.

SEALING WOLVES AND COYOTES

Instructions for Attaching the Wolf/Coyote Game Seal



1. Pierce the cartilage separating the nostrils.
2. Insert string/twine through the hole such that the two ends are left exposed.
3. Peel the backing from the seal.
4. Place the game seal over the string/twine as in illustration.
5. Press the surfaces together to seal securely.
6. Notch out the month, date and time of kill.

Possession of Pelts During the Closed Season

Small game hunters who harvest furbearing mammals for which their licence is valid, including wolves and coyotes, and are still in possession of the pelts when the season closes must obtain a licence to possess a pelt in order to possess pelts during the closed season. This licence is available at no charge at all MNR offices.

A licence to send pelts to a tanner is required prior to sending a pelt of a furbearing mammal for tanning or treating, including taxidermy. The licence is available at MNR offices. Royalties are payable on all furbearers at the time that the licence is issued.

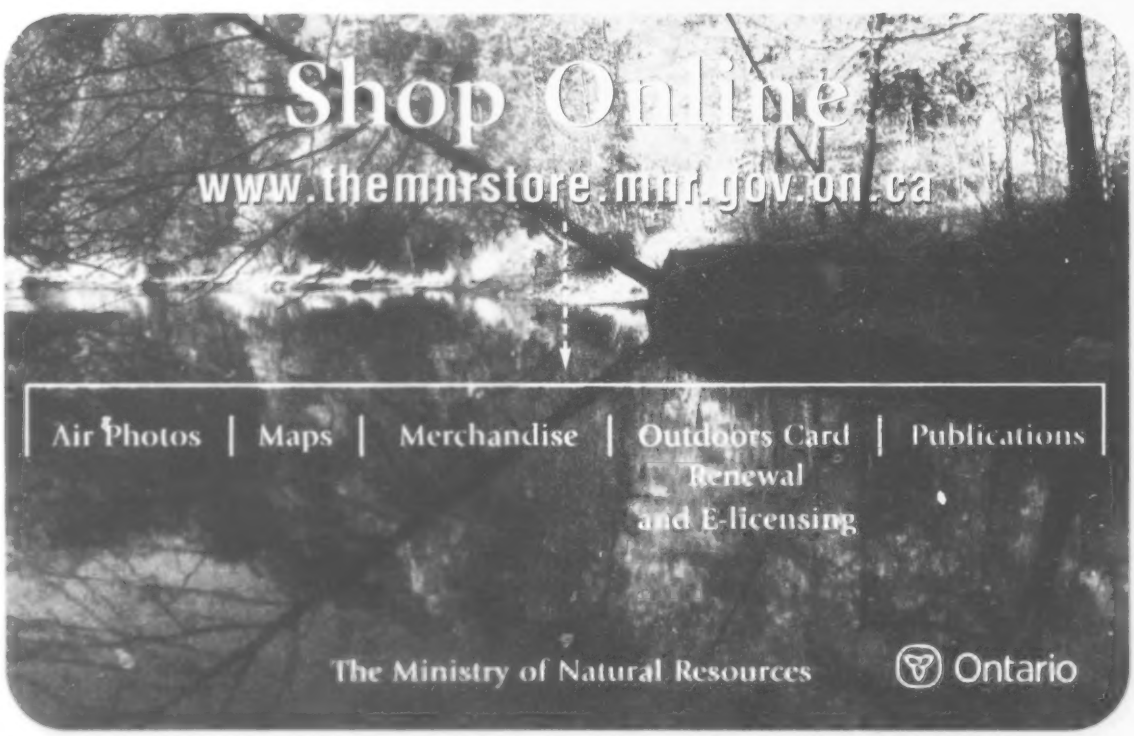
Export and Shipping

You must have an export licence for furbearing mammals or their pelts to export a wolf, coyote or other furbearing mammal or its pelt from Ontario. The export licence is available at ServiceOntario offices. Royalties are payable on all furbearers prior to export from Ontario.

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) is an international agreement which regulates trade in a number of species of animals and plants, their parts and derivatives, and any articles made from them. You need a CITES permit to export a wolf and several other species from Canada. CITES permits are currently available free of charge from MNR offices. In some countries the importation of wolves is restricted; requirements for importation should be determined by the exporter prior to shipment.

For more information on CITES see www.cites.ca.

Wolf and Coyote		
Open Seasons		
Species	**Area/WMUs**	**Open Season**
Wolf & Coyote	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 46, 47, 49, and 53B. In 48, 50, 53A, 54, 55, 56, 57 and 58 **except** in the geographic townships of Airy, Alice, Ballantyne, Boulter, Boyd, Bruton, Burns, Butt, Calvin, Cameron, Clancy, Clara, Chisholm, Clyde, Dickens, Dudley, Eyre, Finlayson, Franklin, Fraser, Hagarty, Harburn, Harcourt, Havelock, Head, Herschel, Lauder, Livingstone, Maria, McClintock, McClure, McCraney, McKay, Murchison, Papineau, Paxton, Petawawa, Richards, Rolph, Sabine, Sinclair, and Wylie.	From September 15, in any year, to March 31 in the year next following.
Wolf & Coyote	In the geographic townships of Airy, Alice, Ballantyne, Boulter, Boyd, Bruton, Burns, Butt, Calvin, Cameron, Clancy, Clara, Chisholm, Clyde, Dickens, Dudley, Eyre, Finlayson, Franklin, Fraser, Hagarty, Harburn, Harcourt, Havelock, Head, Herschel, Lauder, Livingstone, Maria, McClintock, McClure, McCraney, McKay, Murchison, Papineau, Paxton, Petawawa, Richards, Rolph, Sabine, Sinclair, and Wylie.	No season
Wolf & Coyote	43, 44, 45, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94 and 95	All year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Game Amphibians and Reptiles

Frogs and Turtles

Snapping turtles and bullfrogs may be taken under the authority of a valid sport or conservation fishing licence.

No commercial harvest of snapping turtles is permitted. You may only take snapping turtles by box or funnel traps or by your bare hands. You may not remove the upper shell from any snapping turtle until immediately before it is prepared for consumption.

No firearm other than a bow (compound, recurve, long) or crossbow may be used to take bullfrogs.

You may take bullfrogs from July 21 to October 15. You may not take more than 10 bullfrogs in one day nor possess more than 10. Bullfrogs may not be taken in the City of Ottawa (formerly the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton), the counties of Prescott and Russell, Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, Leeds and Grenville, Lanark, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington, Prince Edward, Northumberland, Peterborough and the City of Kawartha Lakes (formerly Victoria County) or in the townships in the County of Hastings south of and including the townships of Marmora and Lake, Tudor and Cashel, and Elzevir and Grimsthorpe.

See Ontario Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary for additional information about the capture and use of frogs for bait.

NOTE: It is illegal to harvest bullfrogs or turtles in provincial parks or Crown Game Preserves.

Open Season for Snapping Turtles

WMU(s)	Residents	Non-residents	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
2-45	All year	All year	2	5
61, 62	All year	July 15 to Sept. 15	2	5
46-50, 53-60, 63-95	July 15 to Sept. 15	July 15 to Sept. 15	2	5

Thank you waterfowl hunters!

from Wildlife Habitat Canada and the Ontario Wetland Habitat Fund

Waterfowl hunters are important investors in wildlife habitat. They volunteer and contribute funds for local habitat projects and donate to many conservation organizations. Since 1985, they have also contributed by purchasing the Canadian Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp as a component of the federal migratory game bird hunting permit. Over $30 million dollars has been raised for habitat conservation initiatives in Canada through this successful program.

Wildlife Habitat Canada manages the Conservation Stamp Program and works hard to ensure the funds raised are invested wisely. In Ontario, Wildlife Habitat Canada invests in the Wetland Habitat Fund Program, a non-governmental stewardship program that provides financial and technical support for private landowners to help them protect and enhance wetlands.

Since 1997, the program has helped fund more than 950 projects and enhanced more than 42,000 acres of wetland and adjacent upland habitat. Landowners may be eligible for up to 50 per cent of project costs to a maximum of $5,000. In return, landowners sign a 10-year conservation agreement.

The Wetland Habitat Fund is a partnership project of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Wildlife Habitat Canada, the Canadian Wildlife Service – all partners in Ontario's Eastern Habitat Joint Venture – and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and contributes to the wetland and waterfowl priorities of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan.

The conservation of southern Ontario's wetlands depends on strategic investments of funds and, especially, the goodwill of landowners. The Ontario Wetland Habitat Fund is here to help. Interested landowners or clubs can contact the Wetland Habitat Fund by telephone at 613-722-2090, extension 248, or by visiting the website at

www.wetlandfund.com.

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Waterfowl Information

Migratory game bird seasons are the responsibility of the Federal Government. In the past, as a service to hunters, we included the migratory game bird seasons in the Ontario Provincial Hunting Regulations Summary. However, the waterfowl seasons will not be finalized until June 2006 and therefore were not available at press time.

For further information contact:
Canadian Wildlife Service, Environment Canada,
867 Lakeshore Road,
Burlington, Ontario L7R 4A6
(905) 336-6410 or visit
www.on.ec.gc.ca/wildlife

The Migratory Game Bird Hunting Regulation summaries will be available at Canada Post Outlets by August 1.

The Migratory Birds Convention Act and the regulations govern hunting of migratory game birds. It is illegal to hunt migratory birds within 400m (437 yd.) of where bait has been deposited unless that place has been free of bait for at least seven days. To hunt migratory game birds you must have a Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit and a Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp, as well as an Ontario licence to hunt small game.

REPORTING OF BANDED BIRDS

A new toll-free telephone number is available to report banded birds. If you retrieve a banded bird, please call **1-800-327-BAND** (1-800-327-2263) and provide your information. Banding information is very important for the management of migratory birds.

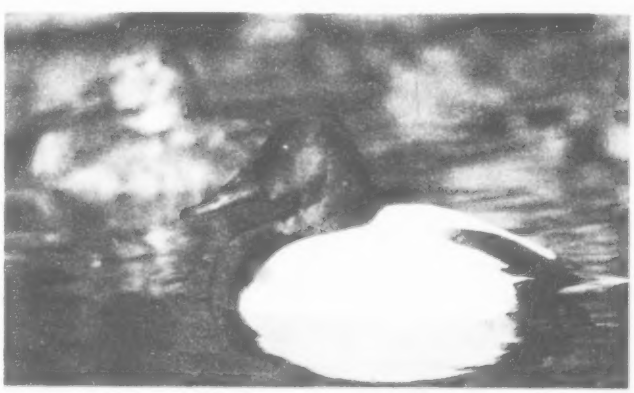
NON-TOXIC SHOT

Non-toxic shot must be used for migratory game bird hunting throughout Ontario, except for woodcock. This exception for woodcocks does not apply in National Wildlife Areas.

For information on non-toxic shot call 1-800-267-5171.

Avian Flu Virus

Avian influenza is a group of influenza viruses, only some of which may cause severe illness or death in wild or domestic birds. A national Canadian survey of wild waterfowl in 2005 found avian influenza viruses but only those that have been found naturally in North American waterfowl historically, with no impact on human health. The Asian strain of H5N1 virus that is a serious concern in Asia and Europe was not found. Surveillance will continue and information on wild ducks and avian influenza, including information for hunters handling waterfowl, can be obtained from the Canadian Wildlife Service at *http://www.cws-scf.ec.gc.ca* by following the avian influenza link or by phoning CWS at 1-800-668-6767.



It is suggested that hunters also follow the safe food preparation practices for wildlife found on page 93 of this summary.

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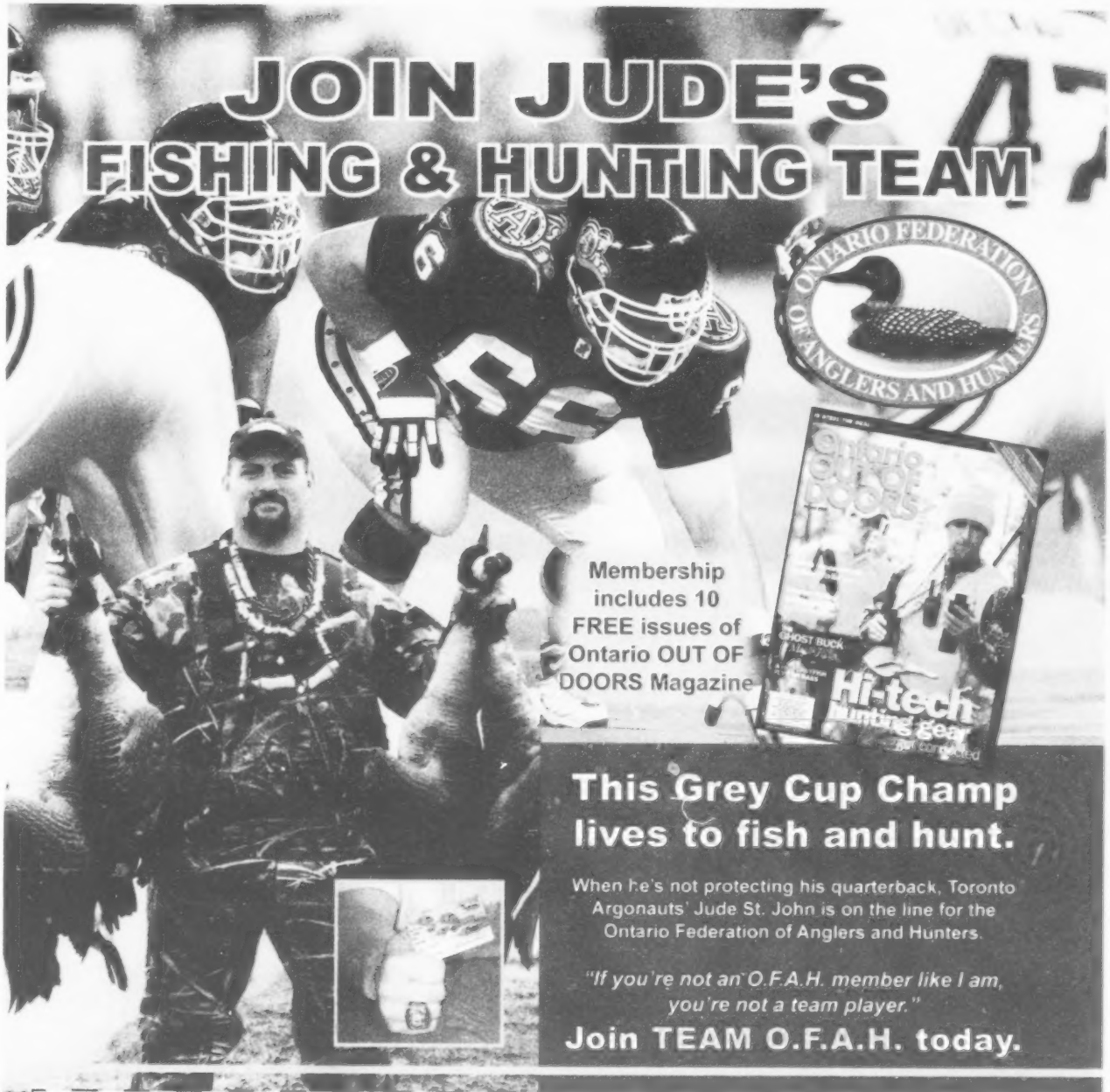

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All first-time trappers, and trappers who have not held a licence in the previous five years are required to successfully complete the *Fur Harvest, Fur Management and Conservation Course*, with components that include furbearer biology and management, humane trapping methods and proper pelt preparation techniques. The Federation has administered over 300 courses since 1997, ensuring that Ontario's trappers are among the best trained in the country.

The OFMF and MNR jointly maintain a database of some 3,000 trappers who have indicated a willingness to assist farmers or other landowners who may be having problems caused by wild furbearers (e.g., flooding caused by beaver activity). Anyone experiencing such problems can contact the OFMF for assistance.

To obtain a trapping licence, to arrange attendance at a Fur Harvest, Fur Management and Conservation Course, or to obtain assistance in resolving problem furbearer complaints, contact:

Ontario Fur Managers Federation
531 Second Line East
Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6B 4K2
Phone: (705) 254-3338
Fax: (705) 254-3297
E-mail:
furman@furmanagers.com

For more information on the Ontario Fur Managers Federation, trapping or Ontario's furbearer resource, visit the OFMF website at *www.furmanagers.com*.

Ducks Unlimited Canada

CANADA'S CONSERVATION COMPANY

Our Mission

Ducks Unlimited Canada conserves, restores and manages wetlands and associated habitats for North America's waterfowl. These habitats also benefit other wildlife and people. We believe that the key to healthy waterfowl and wildlife populations is to ensure that there is abundant habitat. Our singular focus has enabled us to conserve close to one million acres of wetland habitat in Ontario.

Our History

In 1938, a group of concerned waterfowl hunters recognized the importance of Canada's wetland habitats to waterfowl populations. In an effort to conserve these critical habitats, they formed Ducks Unlimited, the world's leading wetland conservation organization. In 1975, Ducks Unlimited Canada began full-time conservation efforts in Ontario. Thanks to the continued support of waterfowl hunters and other conservation-minded individuals, as well as partnerships with Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Canadian Wildlife Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and other government and non-government organizations, we have over 1600 wetland habitat projects across Ontario.

DUC has helped conserve precious habitat at many of Ontario's favourite hunting spots such as Tiny Marsh, Hullett Marsh, Long Point, Atocas Bay, Matchedash Bay, Luther Marsh and Hillman Marsh. For more information on public hunting areas, please contact the Ministry of Natural Resources or Canadian Wildlife Service directly.

Ontario's Future

Ducks Unlimited Canada works every day to save wetland habitat in Ontario. Alarmingly, the rate of loss threatens to outpace our efforts – especially in southern Ontario where some areas have lost up to 90% of wetland habitat.

Conserving wildlife habitat in a province that is home to 38% of the nation's population and where much of the land is privately owned is a huge undertaking. We need your help to ensure that outdoors enthusiasts can continue to enjoy Ontario's natural heritage in their own communities.

Join us today!

For more information on Ducks Unlimited Canada and our wetland conservation programs, please call 1-888-402-4444, e-mail us at *du_barrie@ducks.ca* or write us at 566 Welham Road, Barrie, Ontario, L4N 8Z7.

Since 1928 the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters has been a leader in conserving Ontario's natural resources and promoting rich family traditions of fishing and hunting.

As Ontario's largest nonprofit, nongovernment conservation organization, the O.F.A.H. is an influential environmental watchdog -- an advocate for fish and wildlife conservation at all levels of government.

O.F.A.H. conservation achievements include partnerships in wildlife restoration programs for wild turkey, elk, pheasants, barn owl, Trumpeter swan, and other species. The O.F.A.H. has a professional staff of biologists and other experts working with our members on grassroots projects such as stream rehabilitation, fish stocking, tree planting, erosion control, local fishing and hunting opportunities, and much more.

For a free sample copy of our members' publication, Ontario OUT OF DOORS, and details of O.F.A.H. membership benefits, visit our website **www.ofah.org**, call 705-748-6324, or write us:

O.F.A.H., P.O. Box 2800, Peterborough, ON K9J 8L5

Hunters and Ontario's Biodiversity Strategy

Hunters know the value of Ontario's wildlife.

Hunters know the value of wildlife habitat and its protection in maintaining vibrant and diverse wildlife populations for generations to come. Through efforts like the Community Fisheries & Wildlife Involvement Program, hunters have always acted on that knowledge.

Now, through Ontario's Biodiversity Strategy, hunters will have increased opportunities to conserve and protect wildlife and its habitat. Developed in partnership by organizations such as Ducks Unlimited, the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters and MNR, the Strategy is committed to the principles of sustainable use and biodiversity conservation. In other words, in managing our natural resources, we must ensure Ontario's rich variety of plants, animals and ecosystems remains diverse and strong.

This Strategy belongs to the people of Ontario, and needs your support and commitment. Contained within it are 37 actions ranging from the protection of significant areas of wildlife habitat to increasing education and awareness to preventing and controlling invasive species.

To discover more about it, you can find the Strategy at *http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/MNR/biodiversity/*, or get a copy by calling **1-800-667-1940**. See what you or your organization can do to act in support of Ontario's biodiversity and our hunting heritage.

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Field Dressing, Transporting and Processing Game

Like all meat, wild game needs to be handled properly.

Unlike domestic animals that go through licensed processing plants, meat from wild game is not government inspected. ***This places a special duty on the hunter to field dress, transport and process wild game in a manner that ensures the final meat product is as safe as possible for human consumption.***

BIG GAME

Field Dressing

Field dressing, or gutting, is the process of removing the entrails (internal organs) from the animal to promote cooling of the carcass and prevent the meat from spoiling.

Big game like white-tailed deer, moose and bear should be field dressed immediately after the kill to protect the quality of the meat.

If the animal is lying in water, mud or other debris, move it to a better location where you can keep it as clean as possible while field dressing. Roll the animal on its back or side. If possible, position it with the head higher than the rump.

Cut a line up from the crotch to the tip of the sternum (where the rib cage ends and the belly starts). The weight of the stomach, or rumen, and intestines will pull down away from the incision, lessening the chance of puncturing these organs. It is best to cut with the blade up and out of the cavity, which helps to prevent cutting into the rumen or intestines and also prevents dragging hair into the stomach cavity. After freeing the colon from the body by cutting around the anus, tie a string around the colon just in front of the anus, to prevent feces from falling out into the body cavity.

Cut around the diaphragm, carefully cut the windpipe free at the throat and free any internal organs by cutting through the tissue attaching them to the backbone area of the animal. Pull the windpipe and entrails out onto the ground. Care must be taken not to tear or puncture intestines, stomach or bladder. However, if rumen, intestinal or bladder contents have spilled onto the carcass, wipe it with clean paper towels. Once all the entrails are removed, turn the carcass on its side or belly and allow all the blood to drain out.

Do not wash out the body cavity with natural water sources in the bush. These are prime sources of contamination. Instead, use paper towels to wipe out the carcass. Keep the exposed surfaces of the meat as dry as possible.

The body cavity should be propped open to allow air to circulate freely.

In warmer weather, it is best to get the skin off the animal as soon as possible. Lightweight cheesecloth bags or specially designed meat bags will help keep debris and litter from getting on the meat and will not interfere with cooling. In cold weather, the skin can be left on the carcass until you get to camp or home. If you are leaving the carcass or quarters in the bush for transport at a later time, use your rope and a handy tree branch to pull it/them up off the ground. This allows air to circulate and cool the meat.

Transporting

You will likely be transporting your animal from the bush by dragging it, or with an ATV or other vehicle. If you are dragging, pull the animal by its head and avoid dragging it through water or mud. Avoid getting leaves and other debris inside the body cavity.

You may have to quarter larger animals like moose for transport from the bush. When quartering the animal make sure the knife, axe and/or saw you use is clean and keep the meat free of dirt.

When transporting game by vehicle, be sure to keep the carcass away from engine heat, gasoline, sunlight, and road dust to prevent spoilage. Position the carcass to allow air circulation on all sides. Use cheesecloth or other clean wrapping to protect the meat. Never use plastic wrap, bags or tarps to wrap freshly killed game carcasses or meat in the field, as plastic holds heat and moisture, and can cause the meat to spoil.

Hanging and Cooling

Ideally, game carcasses should be cooled as soon as possible to a temperature not exceeding 7° Celsius (45°F). Hang the meat in a place that is cool and dry. If the animal is hung in a shed or garage, make sure potential contaminants (e.g. stored gasoline) are first removed. Always make sure there is good air circulation.

Inspect the carcass and the area of the wound. Any areas of blood clotting and tissue damage should be removed with a clean knife. If left unattended, these spots become sites of decomposition that will spread to other areas. If your animal is hung whole, be sure to cut up the throat and remove the entire windpipe and esophagus, as these can be prime locations for early meat spoilage. Use clean paper towels to wipe out the body cavity to remove hair or other debris. If you are in camp for several days and insects are present, check often to insure flies are not laying eggs on the carcass.

If the weather is too warm and you do not have a means of maintaining the ideal conditions for hanging and aging, then the animal should be butchered as soon as possible. Before you go hunting make sure you have located a processing plant that will take your animal or make other arrangements to have the butchering done.

GAME BIRDS

Game birds should have the entrails removed as soon as possible, using a clean knife and latex gloves.

Game birds can be plucked or skinned.

Birds must be cooled or the meat will spoil. They should be cooled and maintained at a temperature not exceeding 4° Celsius (39° F). Do not pile birds together in a bag or box. Do not leave waterfowl in the bottom of boats where water, mud and spilled gasoline may contaminate the meat.

Quick cleaning and freezing reduces bacteria and preserves the quality of the meat. If birds have heavy tissue damage from shot, they can be soaked in a solution of cool salt water to remove clotted blood before freezing them.

RABBITS, HARES and SQUIRRELS

For cleaning small game, always use disposable gloves and a clean knife.

Peel the hide completely off and remove the tail before cutting the abdomen open and removing the entrails. Trim away any shot-damaged meat. The carcass should be cooled and maintained at a temperature not exceeding 4° Celsius (39° F), as soon as possible.

PREPARING AND COOKING WILD MEAT FOR CONSUMPTION

Always wash your hands in warm, soapy water before and after preparing food and keep raw meat away from other food.

Thaw your meat in the refrigerator, microwave or oven, not on the kitchen counter. At room temperature, bacteria can grow in the outer layers of food before the inside thaws.

Utensils, equipment and food contact surfaces must be cleaned and sanitized after each use. Disinfecting is especially important where wild game or fish is being prepared in the same kitchen as regular "store-bought" meat, poultry or fish. Disinfection must occur between the two types of preparations.

You risk your health and the health of others when you do not thoroughly cook meat. Health officials indicate that meat must be cooked to a temperature of 82° Celsius (180° F) or higher. Use a meat thermometer to check that meat is cooked all the way through. Clean the thermometer after each use. Red meat is cooked when it is brown or grey inside and birds are cooked when the juices run clear.

You should ensure that bear meat, whether frozen or fresh, is always cooked to this temperature (and always to a grey colour, not red or pink) to prevent any possibility of Trichinosis, a parasitic disease found in bears in North America. Public health officials advise that smoking, drying, or microwaving may not cook bear meat to a high enough temperature.

For additional information on safe food handling and meat preparation, consult your local public health unit.

For more detailed guidelines on field dressing, skinning, and processing wild game, please refer to *Ontario's Hunter Education Manual* or log on to *www.mnr.gov.on.ca/MNR/fwmenu.html* and click on "hunting".

Definitions

ANTLERLESS DEER:
Deer that have no antlers or antlers that are less than 7.5 cm (3 inches) long. Generally, antlerless deer include adult female deer and fawns of both sexes.

BEAR MANAGEMENT AREA:
An area of Crown land licensed to an operator for providing bear hunting services to non-resident bear hunters.

CONTROLLED HUNT:
Hunts in which the total number of hunters is restricted. A hunter needs a controlled hunt validation tag to participate in a controlled hunt.

CONSERVATION OFFICER:
A Conservation Officer or a Deputy Conservation Officer appointed under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act. This term also includes a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, a police officer or First Nations Constable appointed under the Police Services Act, a game officer designated under the Migratory Birds Convention Act, a park warden designated under the National Parks Act if acting under the direction of a Conservation Officer, and a person whose primary employment responsibility is enforcement of fish and wildlife laws in a border jurisdiction if he or she is acting under the direction of a Conservation Officer.

ENCASED:
A firearm is encased if the firearm is completely contained in a case so that it cannot be loaded or unloaded.

EXPORT PERMIT:
The permit required to take a moose, white-tailed deer, black bear or furbearer, or any part of them, out of Ontario.

GAME WILDLIFE:
Game wildlife means a furbearing mammal, game amphibian, game bird, game mammal or game reptile.

FURBEARING MAMMALS:
Badger, beaver, bobcat, coyote, fisher, arctic fox, gray fox, red fox (all phases), lynx, marten, mink, muskrat, opossum, otter, raccoon, red squirrel, striped skunk, weasel (least, long-tailed and short-tailed), wolf, wolverine and polar bear.

GAME MAMMALS:
Black bear, woodland caribou, cottontail rabbit, white-tailed deer, American elk, European hare, varying hare, moose, gray (black) squirrel and fox squirrel.

GAME BIRDS:
Northern bobwhite, ruffed grouse, sharp-tailed grouse, spruce grouse, gray (Hungarian) partridge, ring-necked pheasant, rock ptarmigan, willow ptarmigan and wild turkey.

GAME REPTILES: Common snapping turtle.

GAME AMPHIBIANS: Bullfrogs.

HUNTING:
Includes lying in wait for, searching for, being on the trail of, pursuing, chasing or shooting at wildlife, whether or not the wildlife is killed, injured, captured or harassed. You need a hunting licence to do any of these things, except where the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act states otherwise.

LICENCES, TAGS AND GAME SEALS:

OUTDOORS CARD:
An Outdoors Card constitutes a licence to hunt the animals and birds specified on the licence tag when that tag is affixed to the card and accompanied by any applicable paper hunting licences and game seals and/or validation tags.

LICENCE TAG:
Means a tag which, when affixed to an Outdoors Card, constitutes a licence to hunt animals or birds, or a class thereof, specified on the tag.

E-LICENCE:
E-licences are resident licences which are available over the Internet and must be printed by the angler or hunter. These licences, when accompanied by an Outdoors Card, allow the angler or hunter to immediately enjoy the open season.

GAME SEAL:
The seal that must be attached to a moose, deer, wild turkey or black bear as soon as the animal is killed. Regulations are proposed which would require a game seal for wolves and coyotes in designated WMUs (see page 4). The game seal must remain attached to the animal while it is transported.

ADDITIONAL GAME SEAL:
A game seal, purchased in addition to the game seal that comes with the deer or bear licence, which allows the hunter to harvest an additional animal under certain conditions. An additional game seal is NOT a licence to hunt for the species. A licence must be purchased before the additional game seal is valid for use.

VALIDATION TAG OR CERTIFICATE:
Means a tag or certificate which validates a licence to hunt game animals of a specified number, age or sex or in a specified area.

VALIDATION TAG (RESIDENTS)
A validation tag must be affixed to the front of the game seal to allow resident hunters to hunt adult moose or antlerless deer. In WMUs 48, 55A, 55B and 57, a specific calf validation tag is required to hunt calf moose. A validation tag is also required to take part in the controlled hunts for deer. A validation tag for a controlled hunt must be carried on your person and not affixed to the game seal.

Moose and deer licences obtained by telephone are validated by the ministry on the game seal itself. They are valid for calf moose or antlered deer in other WMUs except for calf moose in WMU 48, 55A, 55B and 57, during the regular open season providing the game seal has not been used.

VALIDATION TAG (NON-RESIDENTS)
A moose validation tag must be affixed to the back of the non-resident hunter's licence.

VALIDATION CERTIFICATE A validation certificate must be carried by non-resident black bear hunters.

MOTORBOAT:
Motorboat means a boat with a motor that is attached to the boat and that is capable of being used as a means of propulsion, and includes any floating object being towed by a motorboat.

MUZZLE-LOADER:

A muzzle-loader is a gun that is loaded through the muzzle. A percussion muzzle-loading gun is considered to be loaded if there is a charge of powder and a projectile in the barrel and a percussion cap on the nipple. A flintlock muzzle-loading gun is considered to be loaded if there is a charge of powder and a projectile in the barrel and the vent is unplugged.

NON-RESIDENT:

A person who does not qualify as a resident (see Resident). The ownership of property in Ontario does not qualify a person for a resident's licence.

NORTHERN RESIDENT MOOSE VALIDATION TAG DRAW:

A second draw, done after the normal draw for validation tags is completed, in which all hunters:

- Unsuccessful in the draw for a tag in the current year and the two previous years **AND**
- Residing in Northern Ontario at the time of their 2006 application **AND**
- Applying for a tag in a WMU north of the French and Mattawa Rivers, are eligible for the reserve of five per cent of the validation tag quota available in the WMU to which they have applied.

PARTY HUNTING:

The term "Party Hunting" means two or more persons hunting during an open season for moose, deer or black bear under all of the following conditions:

- Each person has a valid licence to hunt moose, deer or black bear.
- The total number of moose, deer or black bear killed by the party does not exceed the total number of game seals held by the members of the party licensed to hunt that species.
- The total number of moose, deer or black bear of a specified sex, age or type killed by the party does not exceed the total number of game seals validated for that sex, age or type that are held by members of the party.
- All members of the party hunt together in the same Wildlife Management Unit or portion thereof for which the game seal is valid.
- Each member of the party hunts within five kilometres of the person who holds the game seal that is valid for the wildlife being hunted.
- Each member of the party must be able to reliably and immediately communicate with other members of the party.
- All members of the party, including the person who holds the seal that is valid for the wildlife that the party is hunting, actively participate in the hunt and hunt co-operatively.

The person who kills the wildlife while hunting in a party shall immediately notify all other members of the party the wildlife has been killed and the game seal holder shall immediately affix the game seal to the wildlife in the manner prescribed on the game seal.

PELT:

The untanned skin of a furbearing mammal, whether or not the skin is on a carcass.

RESIDENT:

A person whose primary residence is Ontario, and who has resided in Ontario for a period of at least six consecutive months during the previous 12 months before the time that the person's residence is relevant.

SELECTIVE HARVEST SYSTEM:

The system that controls the harvest of breeding moose and deer. The harvest of adult moose and antlerless deer is restricted to those who hold the appropriate validation tag, which is obtained through a random draw. The harvest of calf moose in WMUs 48, 55A, 55B and 57 is restricted to those who hold the appropriate validation tag, which is obtained through a random draw.

SIBLING:

Each of two or more children having one or both parents in common.

SPECIALLY PROTECTED WILDLIFE:

Specially protected wildlife means a specially protected mammal, specially protected bird, specially protected reptile, specially protected amphibian or specially protected invertebrate.

SPECIALLY PROTECTED MAMMALS:
Big brown bat, eastern pipistrelle bat, hoary bat, least bat, little brown bat, northern long-eared bat, red bat, silver-haired bat, eastern chipmunk, least chipmunk, northern flying squirrel, southern flying squirrel, arctic shrew, cinereus (masked) shrew, least shrew, northern short-tailed shrew, pygmy shrew, smoky shrew and water shrew.

SPECIALLY PROTECTED BIRDS (Raptors):
Bald eagle, golden eagle, peregrine falcon, northern goshawk, gyrfalcon, northern harrier, broad-winged hawk, Cooper's hawk, red-shouldered hawk, red-tailed hawk, rough-legged hawk, sharp-shinned hawk, American kestrel, American swallow-tailed kite, merlin, osprey, barred owl, boreal owl, burrowing owl, barn owl, eastern screech owl, great gray owl, great horned owl, long-eared owl, northern hawk owl, northern saw-whet owl, short-eared owl, snowy owl and turkey vulture.

SPECIALLY PROTECTED BIRDS (other than Raptors):
Brewer's blackbird, rusty blackbird, yellow-headed blackbird, blue jay, gray jay, belted kingfisher, white pelican and common raven.

SPECIALLY PROTECTED REPTILES:
Blue racer, eastern massasauga rattlesnake, five-lined skink, black rat snake, Butler's garter snake, eastern fox snake, eastern hognose snake, eastern smooth green snake, Lake Erie water snake, milk snake, northern water snake, queen snake, eastern spiny softshell turtle, Blanding's turtle, map turtle, midland painted turtle, musk turtle, spotted turtle, western painted turtle and wood turtle.

SPECIALLY PROTECTED AMPHIBIANS:
Blanchard's cricket frog, blue-spotted salamander, eastern tiger salamander, four-toed salamander, Jefferson salamander, northern dusky salamander, redback salamander, smallmouth salamander, spotted salamander, two-lined salamander, Fowler's toad and gray treefrog.

SPECIALLY PROTECTED INVERTEBRATES:
Karner blue butterfly, monarch butterfly, West Virginia white butterfly, mottled dusky wing, bog elfin, frosted elfin, black swallowtail, giant swallowtail, Old World swallowtail, pipevine swallowtail, spicebush swallowtail, tiger swallowtail and zebra swallowtail.

SPOUSE:

Either of two persons who are legally married to one another; or either of two persons who live together in a conjugal relationship outside of marriage.

VEHICLE :

Vehicle means any kind of vehicle that is driven, propelled or drawn on land or ice by any kind of power, including muscular power, and includes the rolling stock of a railway.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT UNITS (WMUs):

Numbered divisions of the province used for wildlife management. WMU numbers are used in the tables for open seasons to indicate the relevant geographic areas of the province. Contact an MNR office for exact descriptions of WMU boundaries.

ServiceOntario / Ministry of Natural Resources Offices

Changes are being made to the way counter services for the public are offered by the Ontario government. Counter services will be provided at ServiceOntario offices listed below. MNR offices will no longer provide counter services where ServiceOntario options exist. MNR offices marked with an asterisk (*) will continue to provide counter service only until a ServiceOntario office opens in the area. **Before travelling** to an office, check for updated information at *www.mnr.gov.on.ca/MNR/csb/message/mnroffices.html*, or call 1-800-667-1940.

MNR offices will continue to take telephone inquiries. If you are not sure whether you can hunt at a certain time and place, or if you have any questions about the hunting regulations, contact:

- By phone, the MNR office nearest to where you plan to hunt, or,
- By phone, the Natural Resources Information Centre at 1-800-667-1940, or,
- By e-mail, the Natural Resources Information Centre at *mnr.nric@mnr.gov.on.ca*

Southern Region

Aurora, Greater Toronto Area MNR office (WMUs 72B, 73 [Durham Region only], 78, 79C, 79D)
(905) 713-7400

Aurora ServiceOntario
50 Bloomington Rd W

Aylmer MNR Office *
(WMUs 90A, 90B, 91, 92)
353 Talbot St W
(519) 773-9241

Chatham MNR Office
(WMUs 93, 94, 95)
(519) 354-7340

Bancroft MNR Office
(WMUs 51, 54, 55A, 56, 57, 60, 61, 62, 63)
(613) 332-3940

Minden MNR Office
(705) 286-1521

Bancroft ServiceOntario
50 Monck St

Minden ServiceOntario
Box 820 Hwy 35 By-pass

Guelph MNR Office
(WMUs 80, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89)
(519) 826-4953

Clinton MNR Office *
100 Don St
(519) 482-3428

Vineland MNR Office
(905) 562-4147

Guelph ServiceOntario
1 Stone Rd W

Hamilton ServiceOntario
119 King St W

Kitchener ServiceOntario
200 King St W

St. Catharines ServiceOntario
301 St. Paul St

Kemptville MNR Office *
(WMUs 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 69B)
10 Campus Dr
(613) 258-8204

Brockville ServiceOntario
7 King St W

Cornwall ServiceOntario
127 Sydney St

Hawkesbury ServiceOntario
692 Main St E

Ottawa ServiceOntario
110 Laurier Ave

Midhurst MNR Office *
(WMUs 76, 77, 81, 82, 83, 84)
2284 Nursery Rd
(705) 725-7500

Owen Sound MNR Office
(519) 376-3860

Parry Sound MNR Office
(WMUs 46, 47, 49, 50, 53)
(705) 746-4201

Bracebridge MNR Office
(705) 645-8747

Huntsville ServiceOntario
207 Main St W

Parry Sound ServiceOntario
7 Bay St

Pembroke MNR Office
(WMUs 48, 55B, 58, 59)
(613) 732-3661

Pembroke ServiceOntario
31 Riverside Dr

Renfrew ServiceOntario
315 Raglan St S

Peterborough MNR Office
(WMUs 62, 68, 69A, 70, 71, 72A, 73, 74, 75)
(705) 755-2001

Kingston MNR Office
(613) 531-5700

Tweed MNR Office
(613) 478-2330

Kingston ServiceOntario
51 Heakes Lane

Lindsay ServiceOntario
322 Kent St W

Peterborough ServiceOntario
300 Water St

Northwest Region

Dryden MNR Office
(WMUs 5, 8, 15A)
(807) 223-3341

Ignace MNR Office
(807) 934-2233

Dryden ServiceOntario
479 Government St

Ignace ServiceOntario
Corner of Hwy. 17 & 599

Fort Frances MNR Office
(WMUs 9A, 9B, 10, 11A, 12A, 12B)
(807) 274-5337

Atikokan MNR Office
(807) 597-6971

Atikokan ServiceOntario
108 Saturn Avenue

Fort Frances ServiceOntario
922 Scott St

Kenora MNR Office *
(WMUs 6, 7A, 7B)
808 Robertson St
(807) 468-2501

Nipigon MNR Office
(WMUs 14, 17, 18A, 18B, 19, 20, 21A)
(807) 887-5000

Geraldton MNR Office
(807) 854-1030

Terrace Bay MNR Office *
Hwy 17
(807) 825-3205

Geraldton ServiceOntario
208 Beamish Ave W

Nipigon ServiceOntario
5 Wadsworth Dr

Red Lake MNR Office *
(WMUs 2, 3)
227 Howey St
(807) 727-2253

Sioux Lookout MNR Office *
(WMUs 1C, 4, 16A, 16B)
49 Prince St
(807) 737-1140

Thunder Bay MNR Office *
(WMUs 11B, 13, 15B,16C)
435 James St S
(807) 475-1471

Northeast Region

Chapleau MNR Office
(WMU 31)
(705) 864-1710

Chapleau ServiceOntario
190 Cherry St

Cochrane MNR Office
(WMUs 1A, 1B, 1D, 25, 26, 27)
(705) 272-4365

Moosonee MNR Office
(705) 336-2987

Cochrane ServiceOntario
2 Third Ave

Moosonee ServiceOntario
34 Revillion Rd N

Hearst MNR Office
(WMUs 22, 23, 24)
(705) 362-4346

Kapuskasing MNR Office
(705) 335-6191

Hearst ServiceOntario
613 Front St

Kapuskasing ServiceOntario
122 Government Rd W

Kirkland Lake MNR Office
(WMU 28)
(705) 568-3222

Kirkland Lake ServiceOntario
10 Government Rd E

North Bay MNR Office
(WMUs 40, 41, 47)
(705) 475-5550

North Bay ServiceOntario
447 McKeown Ave

Sault Ste. Marie MNR Office *
(WMUs 35, 36, 37, 45)
64 Church St
(705) 949-1231

Blind River MNR Office
(705) 356-2234

Blind River ServiceOntario
62 Queen Ave

Sudbury MNR Office *
(WMUs 38, 39, 42, 43A, 43B, 44)
3767 Hwy 69 S
(705) 564-7823

Espanola MNR Office
(705) 869-1330

Espanola ServiceOntario
148 Fleming St

Timmins MNR Office
(WMUs 29, 30)
(705) 235-1300

Gogama MNR Office *
5 Low Ave
(705) 894-2000

Timmins ServiceOntario
Hwy 101 E (at Florence)

Wawa MNR Office
(WMUs 21B, 32, 33, 34)
(705) 856-2396

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(807) 826-3225

Manitouwadge ServiceOntario
40 Manitou Rd

Wawa ServiceOntario
48 Mission Rd

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Call the Natural Resources Information Centre at 1-800-667-1940 for up to date information.

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